

Moville City Council –Wednesday, November 19th, 2025.

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, Calvin Mellies all present. John Parks is absent. Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the bills, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Guests present: Pat Smith, Dave Christensen, Chad Thompson, Gerry Frick, Gerri Hunter, Joe Mehlhaff, Brent Erritt, and James Loomis.

Open Forum speakers: James Loomis extends a greeting to the new Police Chief Frick and to let him and the Council know that his office is available to anyone and to assist the Police Department needs.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of October. They issued 26 nuisances, 8 abatements, 2 yard maintenances, 4 letters sent, 2 official notices, 2 citations, and 9 no action taken or on hold. Also, 1 new house permit, 1 sidewalk and 1 garage permit. Amount billed in October was \$8890.74. Councilman Mellies asks about the large sign in front of Outlaw Bar and Grill. Inspector Christensen will send a notice.

Chief Gerald Frick gave an update on the Police Department. 2 dogs running at large, Criminal mischief to property, 3 suspicious individuals in cars, assisted County on traffic stops, juvenile charged with possession THC vape, juvenile charged with nic vapes, personal injury accident on HWY 20, assisted DHS with an investigation, spoke with 3 individuals interested in becoming a reserve officer, investigating online store for selling THC to minors, theft of a circular saw. Chief Frick will speak to the property owner where a business sign sits on Hwy 140 in the right of way.

Hayworth motions to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-11 amending Chapter 92, Section 92.09 Utility Deposits. There shall be required from every new customer a \$150 deposit intended to guarantee the payment of bills for service, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2025-11, seconded by Rapp. Ayes motion carries. Haworth motions to adopt Ordinance 2025-11, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries ordinance is adopted.

Mellies motions to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-12 amending Chapter 92, Section 92.05 Service discontinued. Fees. A fee of \$50.00 shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent customer. No fee shall be charged for the usual or customary trips in the regular changes in occupancies of property, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies waives the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to adopt Ordinance 2025-12, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries ordinance is adopted.

Main and Fair Street pedestrian crosswalk and sidewalk were discussed. Residents have commented that they have almost been hit by vehicles cutting that corner while turning southbound. It has been an issue for years. Council members shared ideas like adding blinking lights, 3-way stop, concrete curb stop or moving the crosswalk to the west, but first we need permission from Woodbury County because it is a county road.

Hayworth motions to approve Street Finance Report by resolution 2025-11, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries

Hayworth motions to approve Urban Renewal Report by resolution 2025-13, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries

Supervisor Pat Smith gave an update of public works department for October/November 2025:

- Pumped 6.5 million gallons of water and 3.1 million gallons of Wastewater in October.
- Worked on 18 residents “shut offs” and “turn ons” of water.
- Worked on water meter replacement list.
- Conducted a hearing with a resident for excessive water usage.
- Winterized bottom lagoon structure
- Normal sampling & reports
- Mike and Casey did wastewater CEU’s
- Swept streets
- 2 street patches on Ash Street & poured an apron between the street and sidewalk on the corners of Fair & Main Street
- Hauled 4 loads of sand mixed with salt
- Serviced payloaders and plow
- Replaced broken light pole and lights at Community Center
- Winterized parks and bike trail drinking fountain
- Hauled grass and leaf pile
- Mowed and picked up leaves at parks
- Worked with WiaTel to install cameras
- Bekins serviced fire extinguishers
- Noticing a corner of the sidewalk was cracked in front of Movillatte
- Put up Christmas decorations on poles

Mellies motions to approve renewing SNB CD for 30 months at 3.5% APR by Resolution 2025-15, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries

Rapp sets up and invites the public on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30pm to a Human trafficking seminar at the Community Center.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed. The Council welcomes Merville residents to the council meetings.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:30pm.

With no further business Malm motions to adjourn at 7:21 pm, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson  
City Clerk

Scott Linden  
Mayor