

Moville City Council – Wednesday, November 5th 2025

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, Calvin Mellies, John Parks all present.

Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Mellies motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to approve Utility Billing Trial Balance, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to approve General Ledger Reclassification, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Rapp motions to approve the GASB Letters, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Guests present: Elizabeth Benson, Michael Benson, Jerry Sailer, Chief Frick, and Geri Hunter.

Open forum.

Michael Benson discussed his concern regarding the cul-de-sac on Carol Dr and how it floods and gets messy with rain and winter weather as well as there aren't any sidewalks. Mayor Linden notified him that the area is on the plans to be worked on in 2026. Benson also wanted to discuss the process on FOIA requests as he attempted to request information on many occasions but had not received a follow-up. It was decided that the request would need to be written, emailed or via phone.

Fire Department Chief Jerry Sailer gave an update. They had 6 incidents last month; 2 field fires, 2 EMS calls, 2 accidents on HWY 20, one of which was a vehicle fire. They have been working on their training, SOPs and SOGs. A couple outside trainings and 2-day class on heavy rescue with Stockton Towing. They participated in the trick or treating parade and the welcoming back of the WC High School Cheer Guard.

Police Department Chief Gerald Frick gave an update. Had one dog call, a reckless driver and is working on a case for a theft of funds from an elderly person. Discussed the different options for body cameras and in-car cameras from three different companies. Informed the cost for the cameras including training would be approximately \$11,000.00. He will be setting up dates for demonstrations with the company and invited the council to attend so they can also view the capabilities of the cameras.

Discussion on Fulltime, Part time and reserves has been tabled until the committee meets to discuss wages and budget.

Discussion for raising the deposit amount for landlord/tenant utilities. Hayworth motioned to change the ordinance 92.09 and raise utility deposit to \$150 for landowners and tenants. Seconded by Rapp Ayes, Motion carries.

Discussion on reinstatement fee, the \$50 requested to increase was not needed as it is already in the ordinance as \$25 for the disconnect and \$25 for reconnect, just wording that needs to be adjusted on the notices.

Discussion on Woodbury County Library lease. Mellies motions to increase the rent to \$16,800 and electric to \$13,600 a year starting July 1st 2027. With a 3-year contract, seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries.

Discussed an option for benefit reimbursement for city employees who opt out of city insurance. Mellies motions to reimburse \$350 a month for any employee who opts out of health insurance effective immediately, seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries.

Discussed the resolution on the right to waive further review to Plat of Brosamle addition. Rapp motions to adopt the resolution to waive right for further review of the Plat of Brosamle Addition, seconded by Mellies, Ayes, motion carries.

P&Z discussion on recommending committee members, the council will talk to people they currently have 4 but will need one additional person.

ISG updates discussed there will be a meeting November 17th, but it's not completely scheduled yet.

Soil Borings for water tower project discussion. Parks motions to move forward with Geotek, seconded by Rapp, Ayes, motions carries.

Discussion on Federal Employees affected by the shutdown. No motion was made; however, if the resident provides the documentation for the assistance the City will provide the necessary information to allow for assistance.

Street finance report Resolution tabled

Annual Financial report resolution Hayworth motions to pass resolution, seconded by Mellies, Ayes, resolution carries.

Urban Renewal report Resolution tabled

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

John Parks will not be attending the November 19th meeting.

Bret Hayworth would like to thank City Clerk Peterson for completing the Annual Financial Report.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30pm.

With no further business Hayworth motions to adjourn at 8:09 pm, seconded by Parks.

Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Anna Brever
Deputy City Clerk

Scott Linden
Mayor