

Moville City Council –Wednesday, December 17th, 2025.

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, Calvin Mellies, and John Parks all present. 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. Parks motions to approve the bills, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Guests present: Pat Smith, Dave Christensen, Chad Thompson, Gerry Frick, Gerri Hunter, Jim Fisher, Amanda Goodenow, Ashayla Soodsma, Cinda Krause, Mike Ofert, Paul Hallowell, Missie Lenz, Hailie Lenz, Stacey Reblitz, Donny Reblitz, Tori Wardrip, Trissa Bottorff, Angie Sleezer, Brian Sleezer, Angel Rocha, Hector Rocha, Tonya Dean, Dannielle Probst, Justine Sleezer, Kevin Mejerer and Anna Brever.

Open Forum speakers: Angel Rocha reads a letter to the City Council regarding City Government asking for consistent enforcement of ordinances, professional communication, and the basic courtesy of being informed when their businesses are being discussed. We want to work with the city, not against it but that requires honesty, respect, and equal treatment. It is time for this council and city leadership to do better. Angie Sleezer speaks at open forum asking for better communication on water bill changes, shut offs or updates on Ordinances other than Facebook and the newspaper. Justine Sleezer speaks at open forum asking how long it takes the finances to go through when utility bills are paid online via debit card.

No one else wishes to speak at open forum:

An easement onto property by water tower projects has been tabled until further development and layout of plans are presented and because the area in question will be under extensive construction for at least the next 2 years.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of November. They issued 30 nuisances, 4 abatements, 2-yard maintenances, 3 citations, and 23 no action taken or on hold, Also, 1 new house permit. Amount billed in November \$8343.73.

Parks motions to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-13 for Transient Merchants, as defined in the Iowa Code, are not allowed to conduct sales activities within Moville City limits, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motioned to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2025-13, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-13, parks seconded the motion. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to adopt resolution 2025-16 to move \$204,000 from Capital Water savings and put into a 36-month CD at 3.5APY at Security National Bank, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Pat Smith updates everyone on the ISG Engineering from November.

Amanda Goodenow from ISG Engineering presents the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of City improvement projects and Ashayla Soodsma reviews and introduces the summit projects. Dannielle Probst explains the financial analysis for the projects to include the existing debt and can assist with finding funding and grants in the future for these projects. ISG would like the Council to finalize and approve the 5-year CIP list of projects at the January 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

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

- Pumped 4.5 million gallons of water and 3 million gallons of Wastewater in November.
- Worked on 3 residents "shut offs" and "turn ons" of water.
- Worked on water meter replacement list.
- Sent out shut off notice for excessive water use at one residence and received a signed written agreement with the city to reduce consumption to avoid the shut off.
- Serviced one of the lagoons building blowers
- Normal sampling reports
- Spoke to the county about installing a pedestrian crossing sign on Main Street and Fair.
- Plowed snow and sanded on 5 different days
- Hauled snow for three days
- Cleared snow from storm sewers
- Repaired Community Center kitchen door
- Registered Austin, Mike for CPO Classes and Pat and Casey for CPO CEU class.
- Worked on Budget numbers for 2026-27
- Garbage Can inventory was taken
- Pat Smith passed finance course through ISU leadership academy

Mayor Linden discusses the difference between a 20-year loan vs a 30-year loan for the Capital Water Project in hopes to save the city on interest payments in the future.

Hayworth motions to approve assessing property for either unpaid utilities and/or yard maintenance via resolution, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Assessed properties listed: 509 Frontage Road – Resolution 2025-17, 305 Prairie View Lane – Resolution 2025-18, 125 Ash Street – Resolution 2025-19, and 401 Elm Street – Resolution 2025-20.

Mayor Linden would like to continue as Movable's representative for the 2026 Woodbury County Landfill board which will be appointed by the City Council, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as recommended by Aaron Lincoln of Sergeant Bluff and Jeanette Beekman of Pierson, Iowa.

Mayor Linden shares a heartfelt apology to Hector Rocha for a misunderstanding of not following through when he believed communication was made by Building Inspector regarding a sign in front of Rocha business.

City Clerk Peterson thanks Mayor Scott Linden for dedicating 2 years of service as Mayor to the City of Movable. Mayor Linden extends his appreciation to each Council member, City Clerks, Public Works staff and City Attorney Thompson for their effort and work towards making the past two years successful.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30pm.  
The first Budget Meeting open to the public is Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30pm!

With no further business Hayworth motions to adjourn at 7:32 pm, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson  
City Clerk

Scott Linden  
Mayor