

Moville City Council –Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

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

No one wishes to speak at Open Forum

Guests present Pat Smith, Jerry Sailer, Pat Rogers, Chad Thompson, and Cynthia Alavez.

Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update for the month of February. He noted there were 7 calls for service to include a vehicle, structure, 4 field fires, and one under investigation. The Fire Department will attend their Annual Hazmat Refresher Course. Truck checks were good. They started to receive helmets purchased using the Farm Credit grant monies.

Pat Rogers reviews the city’s ICAP liability coverage renewal. Hayworth motions to approve the renewal of coverage, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carried.

Parks motions to approve first reading of Ordinance NO. 2025-03, Amending Chapter 92, Section 92.02 rates of service to add an additional \$15.00 per month Capital Improvement charge to all meters and also changing the non-metered/minimum water service rate to \$48.10 per month, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth will write up a press release hoping to bring understanding to our citizens regarding the scope of our Capital Water Improvement Project, Water Tower and wells.

The council discussed seasonal open burning and will make a note to see how many residents utilize this opportunity within the community. Hayworth motions to approve open burn, April 27 through May 10<sup>th</sup> unless there is a Statewide or Countywide burn ban in effect, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries.

Public Works Supervisor Pat Smith asked council members to assist with SIMPCO and writing up a MHRD Grant that may go towards the Water Improvement Project. Councilman Rapp has accepted this task.

Smith reviews ISG engineering updates and would like to move forward on the City’s Capital Improvement plan for the next 5 years. He will provide a list of City priorities at the next council meeting.

The Council consensus was no to illuminating the future water tower but have tabled this discussion until Supervisor Smith gains more insight on the cost associated with it.

Mellies motions to approve using the same logo of our current water tower on the future water tower, Rapp seconded the motion. Ayes, motion carries.

Supervisor Smith gives an update of public works department in February/March:

- Pumped 4.8 million gallons of water and 2.9 million gallons of wastewater
- Met with ISG Engineering on plans of water project
- Repaired leak on bulk chlorine tank at well house
- Wrote response letter to DNR regarding a violation of E Coli last October.
- Broke up ice froze up at Lagoon
- Set up dialers at lift stations and well house
- Called out to sewage blockage on Main Street
- Plowed snow, sanded and hauled snow several times February through March
- Worked on filling pot holes
- Cut down trees
- Ordered rock for alleys
- Bainbridge to start up again on Fair St/Frontage Road project April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Mowed/cleaned up flower beds at several locations
- Finalized budget
- Replaced vent fan for City Hall and finished PW locker room and restroom

Supervisor Smith asked the council to disregard the purchase of new conga drums as they will look into alternative ideas to replace them. Parks motions to approve purchasing the just the springs for it, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to approve hiring Wyatt Ofert and Jake Ofert for this spring/summer's seasonal help, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

The council set up the dates to provide residents a dumpster located at City Hall for spring cleaning April 21st through April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hayworth motions to approve City Inspector/Code Enforcement 28E Agreement for the town of Larrabee with the new rates per hour in place, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Rapp approves Deputy Clerk Megan Cross' resignation with her last day of April 4<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. An advertisement of hiring a Deputy Clerk will be advertised on Indeed and also in the Record and will run until a reputable and trustworthy replacement is hired. Deputy Clerk Cross will be missed.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed.

The Council welcomes Merville residents to the council meetings.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, April 2nd, at 6:30pm.

With no further business Mellies motions to adjourn at 8:21pm, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson  
City Clerk

Scott Linden  
Mayor