

Moville City Council –Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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

James Hesse speaks at the Open Forum regarding the sediment found in his water due to the water lines coming to an end instead of being looped in their cul-de-sac. Also, asked if he will see change in his water with the Capital Water Improvement and water tower project? Mr. Hesse also asked the council for feedback and updates to the public on the Capital Water Improvement Project and when the public can partake in asking questions and voice concerns with the engineer.

Sharon Mrla also spoke at Open Forum sharing with the Council and community a Proclamation set for April 5-11, 2025 celebrating the Week of the Young Child, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The council consented and will read this Proclamation at their April meeting, April 2, 2025.

Guests present include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Dave Christensen, James Hesse, Sharon Mrla, and Lucian Dimmitt.

Chief Joe Barnes gave an update on the Police Department February activities. They issued 7 citations, 26 warnings, 16 calls for service, 1 arrest and zero accidents to report. Officer Alavez attended a CTK class in Omaha educating officers on conducting interviews, interrogations and strategic use of evidence. Chief Barnes has applied for the CTSB traffic grant and specified their goals pertaining to this grant are set for seatbelts, speed and drunk drivers. He also mentioned applying for a tobacco grant and receiving assistance from Lexipol for a possible liquor license grant in this area.

Chief Barnes announced that Officer Anderson will be leaving Moville PD to pursue other goals. The Council extends their appreciation to Officer Anderson for his hard work and dedicated years of service to this community.

Mayor Linden opens the public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance 2025-01 amending Section 4.17.11 in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum overall height to 26 feet. City Clerk Peterson informed the council no one called or emailed to contest the Ordinance with that being said Hayworth made the motion to approve the 1st reading, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carried. Hayworth motions to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to adopt Ordinance 2025-01 amending Section 4.17.11 in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum overall height to 26 feet, seconded by Rapp. All ayes, Ordinance 2025-01 adopted. Mellies motions to close the public hearing, seconded by Rapp, ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Linden opens the public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance 2025-02 amending Section 5.07.01 (R-1) Low Density Residential in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum number of feet of area for lots to 2.5 acres. Resident Hesse asked if there are currently properties within city limits that are 2.5 acres. The Council affirmed this to be true. City Clerk Peterson informed the council no one called or emailed to contest the Ordinance with that being said Hayworth made the motion to approve the 1st reading, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carried. Hayworth motions to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 amending Section 5.07.01 (R-1) Low Density Residential in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum number of feet of area for lots to 2.5 acres, seconded by Mellies. All ayes, Ordinance 2025-02 adopted. Mellies motions to close the public hearing, seconded by Rapp, ayes, motion carried.

The Council wants to remind the residents of Resolution 2025-08 for a Public Hearing set for April 7th, 2025 for the proposed Max Levy Property Tax.

Parks motions to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-03 amending Chapter 92 section 92.02(1) changing the Capital Water Improvement project service charge to \$30 per monthly utility billing (a +\$15 rate increase) effective and applicable to the water rates for water used on or after date, May 21, 2025 instead of June 21, 2025 as indicated on agenda, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of February. They issued 16 nuisances, 1 abatement, 1 letter sent, 3 official notices, 12 no action taken or on hold, 2 fence permits. Amount billed in February was \$2,719.05. Inspector Christensen attended the ICC Upper Plains Learning Conference in Minneapolis earlier in the month. Complaints of parking over resident sidewalks have been resolved. Christensen will be spending extra time in Correctionville due to the flooding last June on follow ups. He is working with the town of Marcus setting up a sidewalk program this spring.

Hayworth motions to approve City Inspector/Code Enforcement 28E Agreements for Correctionville, Kingsley, Schaller, and Aurelia, with the new rates per hour in place, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve adding the town of Remsen to the City Inspector/Code Enforcement 28E agreement, Parks seconds the motion. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to table adding Gilmore City Inspector/Code enforcement to the 28E agreement, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carried.

Hayworth updates the Council on the Dog Park results and the Parks sub-committee recommends no further action is needed at this time.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed.

The Council welcomes Merville residents to the council meetings for further discussion/questions regarding the Capital Water Improvement and Water Tower Project.

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

With no further business Parks motions to adjourn at 7:58pm, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Scott Linden
Mayor