

August 7, 2023

The Moulton City Council met on Monday, August 7, 2023 with the meeting being called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ogden. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call - present were Thompson, Daniels, Fitzgerald, and Pangburn. Absent was Boyd. Motion by Pangburn seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the agenda with one amendment to move the Agreement with fire association to after the reports and before the consent agenda, all ayes none opposed.

Reports

Library – Library Director, Lindsey Hanes was present and gave the library report; Nancy Flaspohler attended as the library board liaison. The library book drop is still getting water in it after having a metal awning installed. The automatic doors are still not working and they are looking into hiring someone to look at them. Library policy states that director comes to every council meeting, Mayor recommends that they cut that back to quarterly.

City Supt Report – Supt Wood reported that the summer help was doing a good job. Five trees around town were removed. In one area a stock trailer was blocking the alley that accessed a tree. Supt Wood had asked the owners in advance to have the trailer moved. City Supt moved trailer to allow access for tree service, owners moved trailer back before tree was removed from property. Council would like a letter sent to owners for removal of trailer. Supt would like to rent a machine to help identify lead or copper curb valves around town and would like to add it to next years budget. Citizens reporting that some roads that had been redone by L.L. Pelling are rough, Supt will contact company looking at them. Still waiting on asbestos testing for properties that are being demolished. Ordered lighted stop signs for school crossings.

Sheriff's Report – Calls for June 2023 were –3 traffic, 7 ambulance requests, 1 animal complaint, 1 bad check, 1 civil matter, served 7 civil papers, 2 dogs barking/at large, 1 extra patrol request, 1 fire residential, 1 found-recovered, 2 harassment, 1 intimidation, 1 parking violation, 1 phone harassment, 1 repossessed vehicle, 2 trespassing, 2 weapon violation, and 1 welfare check. 23.5 hours patrolled. Calls for July 2023 were – 3 ambulance requests, 1 burglary, 1 child abuse physical, 5 civil matter, served 3 civil papers, 1 contempt of court, 1 controlled burn, 2 dogs barking/at large, 2 environmental, 1 information, 1 intimidation, 1 911 hang up, 1 juvenile problem, 1 noise/disturbing peace, 1 parking violation, 2 serve warrant, 1 theft, 1 theft of motor vehicle, 1 vehicle lockout. 32 hours patrolled.

Fire Dept Report – Chief Ballanger reported that there were 7 calls for July. It cost \$900.00 to fix the tanker truck. The Mayor has had reports that citizens have seen the fire trucks out during the day not on a call. The Chief reported they are driving fire trucks around town to keep the batteries charged.

Ambulance Service Report – Nothing to report.

Park/Cemetery/Emergency Management – nothing to report.

Fire association agreement update – The association has looked into getting insurance but it is expensive. We will still allow them to hold meetings there. Further information is needed. Will discuss at next meeting.

Motion by Daniels seconded by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda (minutes of the previous meeting, treasurer's report and time sheets, Resolution #923 – 2022/2023 Street Financial Report) with the exception of the bills. All ayes none opposed.

Daniels inquired about \$1,094.00 for a pump and \$1,950.00 for ground penetrating radar. Supt Wood explained that the pump was the cost for a service call on a downed pump at the lagoons. The ground penetrating radar was used to look for a possible sink hole at an intersection. Motion by Daniels seconded Pangburn to approve the bills. All ayes none opposed.

Public Comments – Question was asked what the city ordinance was for burning a structure on a property in city limits and what was happening with the structure that was burned and buried. Mayor explained that they need to contact the fire department to start the process for a controlled burn. The DNR is aware of the structure that was burnt and is in charge of that investigation. A citizen requested to have the curb on their street removed to be able to extend their driveway out.

Motion by Pangburn seconded by Thompson to NOT fill swimming pools using City owned fire trucks. 3 ayes –Pangburn, Thompson, Fitzgerald. 1 opposed - Daniels.

One of the pumps at the lagoons is broken. The replacement cost is \$10,700.00, the cost to repair the current is \$6,600.00. The question of what the warranties on each is, and if insurance would cover it. Motion by Pangburn seconded by Thompson to table the decision to replace or repair the pump until next meeting. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Pangburn seconded by Thompson to approve having a fall city wide cleanup for the week of October 9, 2023. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Daniels seconded by Thompson to approve the request to close the street north of Two Cycles (East 5th St) for Jamboree. All aye, none opposed with Fitzgerald abstaining.

Motion by Pangburn seconded Fitzgerald to approve signing Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Revenue Set-off program. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Thompson seconded by Daniels to set the next council meeting for September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM. All ayes, none opposed.

Complaints – Complaint of a dog located 311 W Broadway chasing a child. There are no dogs licensed at that residence. Council recommends sending a letter and city ordinance to owner to have dog licensed and restrained.

Mayor Concerns – Reviewed year end financials for each department. Would like to have a plan for hiring a full time maintenance person by next council meeting.

Council Concerns – The trees in the city park at the corner of Vine and 4th St need trimmed. Council member inquired as to why the fire protection totals for some townships have not been paid. Chief Ballanger stated that the townships can only pay what they receive from the county.

Daniels left at 7:45PM.

Public Comments – Inquired if the city was looking to acquire the property at 211 E 7th St. The city is not at this time.

Motion by Pangburn seconded by Fitzgerald to adjourn all ayes none opposed. Adjourned at 7:48 PM.

EXPENDITURES

Alliant – st lights/utills - \$2,869.37
ANR – gas transport – 998.23
APGA SIF – shrimp/dimp renewal – 19.00
Atomic termite – pest control – 75.00
Bakers Repair – parts – 157.41
Baker & Taylor – books- 120.33
Belzer Equip – parts – 939.01
Blmfld Comm – Renewals – 106.00
Carquest – parts – 174.28
Craver, Grothe, &Cox – legal – 760.00
Dearborn Life Ins – ins prem – 285.00
Demco Inc – parts – 68.12
Electric Pump – service – 1,094.00
Farmer’s Mutual – ph/internet – 269.77
Moulton Gas & Wash – fuel – 192.95
Ground Pen Radar Sys – intersection settling – 1,950.00
Hall Eng – Gas nominating – 800.00
Lindsey Hanes – mileage – 61.60
Helmuth’s Lawn Care – mowing – 1,000.00
Hereculock Industries – suppl – 321.04
Hill’s Sant – GB – 3,701.51
IA DNR – renewal – 210.00
IA One Call – locates – 18.00
IA Media Net – publ – 144.31
IPERS – 1,904.91
Microbac Labs – labs – 288.50
L&W Quarries – rock – 1,095.45
LL Pelling – street repair – 88,687.21
Mid-Am Research – chem. – 4,026.72
Menards – suppl – 471.95
Moulton – utills – 536.62
IRS – taxes – 2,996.17
Success Bank – copy fee – 2.14
Municipal Supl – supls – 1,340.31

NAPA – parts – 93.92
 O’Reilly – parts – 15.99
 Overdrive Inc – Book fee – 427.47
 Postmaster – postage – 97.92
 Quill – Lib suppl – 530.94
 RRWA – wa purch – 3,363.60
 S.J. Smith - suppl – 85.40
 Sandry Fire – suppl – 300.00
 Sensit Tech – equip – 2,108.24
 Superior Elec – electrical – 1,330.00
 Symmetry – gas purch- 7,035.32
 T & L Market – suppl – 19.84
 Toms Tree Service- tree removal – 3,500.001
 Transamerica – ins – 499.32
 Treas St of IA – sales tax – 967.95
 True Value – suppl – 515.31
 US Bank – misc – 1,457.62
 US Cellular – fire – 117.77
 USDA – truck payment – 476.00
 Wellmark BC/BS – ins – 4,096.08
 Widmer St. – Tires – 496.00
 K Wood – cell ph – 20.00
 July Wages – 15,026.05
TOTAL EXPENSE - \$160,265.65

INCOME

General/Other	\$ 3,635.85
Library	\$ 8,060.66
Newcomer	\$ 718.48
Water Dept	\$ 15,680.67
Sewer Dept	\$ 13,763.08
Garbage	\$ 4,560.46
Gas Dept	\$ 9,202.52
LOST	\$ 7,122.48
Fire Dept	\$ 11,110.16
Ambl/Resp	\$ 756.37
Street Dept	\$ <u>7141.33</u>
TOTAL INCOME -	\$ 81,752.06

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk