

February 5, 2024

The Moulton City Council met on Monday, February 5, 2024 with the meeting being called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ogden. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call - present were J Thompson, Fitzgerald, Boyd, and T Thompson. Daniels was absent. Motion by T Thompson seconded by Boyd to approve the agenda, all ayes none opposed.

Reports

City Supt- New door has been put on the City truck and a new fender has been ordered. There were two water leaks last month with one being on Main St. The DNR will be here in the following week for a water inspection.

Sheriff's Report – January –2 ambulance request; 1 animal complaint; 5 civil papers served; 1 contempt of court; 1 criminal mischief; 2 dogs barking/at large; 2 traffic stops; patrolled 44.2 hours.

Library – Liaison, Nancy Flaspohler reported there will be a pie and soup supper fundraiser on March 16. A gutter came off the south side of the building will have it looked at and turned into insurance. The automatic doors have been looked at by the company that put them in. The doors, motors, and push button operators will need to be replaced. It is quoted for \$6,500.00.

Ambulance Service Report –4 ambulance calls in January – MOAM/CFR transported 1, CFR transported, 1 paramedic tier with CFR, 1 Patient refusal. Flooring is done and office is ready to move in. Need to finish supply closet and install cameras. Billing is now up to date after a glitch in the billing software was found.

Park/Cemetery/Emergency Management – nothing to report.

Public Comments –none.

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the Consent Agenda – minutes of two previous meeting; bills; treasurer's report; time sheets; all ayes none opposed.

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Boyd to approve the Preliminary Engineering Report and submit to DNR and USDA and to approve the signing and planning design loan application. All ayes none opposed.

Forever Friends Animal Rescue members Nichole Moore, Marsha Bratz, and Mike Miller talked about the possibility of creating an annual agreement with them for taking in stray dogs. They are not able to take cats. We can reserve a kennel for \$100 a month. Rescue will draft an agreement for council to look at next meeting.

Fire Dept Report – USDA is doing an article on the new fire truck. Applying for a county grant for new Jaws of Life. Looking to doing a couple of training burns in the next year.

Properties – Still waiting on lien searches for abandoned properties. Lien Company will not talk with city attorney regarding current lien on a property.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Fitzgerald to set a date on public hearing for proposed budget on March 4th, 2024. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by J Thompson seconded, by T Thompson to approve to approve the second reading of Ordinance #367 – State Setoff Program.

Roll Call Vote: J Thompson - Aye, Fitzgerald - Aye, Boyd – Aye, T Thompson - Aye, Daniels – Absent; Motion Passed

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Boyd to approve to third reading of Ordinance #366 –Burying Structures. .

Roll Call Vote: J Thompson - Aye, Fitzgerald - Opposed, Boyd – Aye, T Thompson - Aye, Daniels – Absent; Motion Passed

Motion by Boyd seconded by T Thompson to purchase a new \$68,000.00 skid loader minus a \$42,000.00 trade-in. Will use \$20,000.00 vehicle replacement from Water, Sewer, and Streets and \$6,000.00 equipment from water, sewer, and streets. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by J Thompson and seconded by Boyd to approve GWORKS software upgrade. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Fitzgerald seconded by J Thompson to approve the revised committee list. All ayes none opposed.

Complaints –none

Mayor Concerns – The mayor would like to set goals for the upcoming yearly budgets for the city. In 2024 he would like to focus on continuing property cleanup, upcoming water project and upgrading city financial software to accept online payments. In

2025 would like to connect HWY 202 and Oak St via extending Washington St and would like to look into increasing the part time deputy clerk position. In 2026 would like to renovate the city park.

Council Concerns – Council member would like to see a better plan of figuring employee wage increases at the yearly budget meeting.

Public Comments – none

Motion by Fitzgerald seconded by T Thompson to adjourn all ayes none opposed. Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

EXPENDITURES

Alliant – st lights/utills - \$2,414.96
ANR – gas transport – 762.22
Atomic Pest – pest control – 75.00
Baker & Taylor – books – 267.67
Bloomfield Rental – equip rental – 464.44
Bogle, M – fuel reimburse/cell ph – 61.70
Cox Law Firm – legal –364.25
Electric Pump – equip – 12,737.36
Emergency Medical Products – suppl – 529.46
Farmer’s Mutual – ph/internet – 279.78
Fleming Plumbing - equip rental – 1,000.00
Garden & Associates – 13,753.83
Gas & Wash – fuel – 553.61
Guinn, M – Reimburse – 25.00
Hall Eng – gas nominating – 400.00
Hill’s Sant – GB – 3,672.10
Huffman, K – dep ref – 294.00
IA One Call – locates – 17.10
IA Municipal Util – suppl – 765.00
IA Media Network – publ – 150.60
IPERS – 2,416.63
Lamb, J – dep ref – 200.00
Lockridge – Supl – 104.23
Menards – Supl – 540.03
City Moulton – utills – 1,151.42
IRS – taxes – 3,211.20
Success Bank – back of ck fee – 2.14
Municipal Supl – supls – 228.00
Myers Customs – decal – 35.00
NAPA – parts – 43.98
Pipers Auto – door – 300.00
Postmaster – postage – 298.98
RRWA – WA purch – 3,349.50
Latimers Golf cart – 450.00
S.J. Smith Co – suppl – 49.60
Seibert, B – Reimburse – 25.00
State Auditor – Audits – 16,926.05
Symmetry Energy – gas purch – 1,678.65
T & L Market – suppl – 5.00
Transamerica – gap INS – 565.64
Treas St of IA – tax – 1, 089.69
True Value – suppl – 287.07
US Bank – misc – 2,988.07
US Cellular – fire – 107.94
USDA – truck payment – 476.00
Wellmark BC/BS –INS – 5,325.60
K Wood – cell ph – 20.00
TOTAL EXPENSE - \$80,463.50
January Wages - \$15,435.12

FUND EXPENSE

General/Other	\$ 6,666.45
Library	\$ 1,127.49
Road Use	\$ 1,852.19
T&A	\$ 1,472.83
Ambl	\$ 908.78
Fire	\$ 1,586.98
Water Project	\$ 13,753.83
Water Dept	\$ 14,259.98
Sewer Dept	\$ 22,143.64
Gas Dept	\$ 13,012.09
Garbage	<u>\$ 3,679.24</u>
TOTAL INCOME	- \$80,463.50

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer