

July 22, 2024

The Moulton City Council met on Monday, July 22, 2024 with the meeting being called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ogden. Council recited Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call - present were Jewel Thompson, Warren Daniels, Susan Fitzgerald, Mary Boyd . Tyler Thompson was absent. Motion by Boyd seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the agenda, all ayes none opposed.

Reports City Supt – Supt. Wood reported the City has had eighteen leaks in the last two weeks. The Rathbun tower was taken out of service, which caused the City water tower to run low. There were two water leaks at the school that drained that City's water tower, which then we were not able to flush the air out of the lines after fixing the water leaks. This required a water boil that has since been lifted. The City's backhoe blew a hydraulic line and Rathbun Rural Water helped to dig the water lines up and left a backhoe for us to use. A fire hydrant on 7th and Main is broken the parts to fix it will be in this week. There will need to be some concrete work done on the City streets after fixing leaks. Tom's Tree Service has come to town and marked the trees that are to be removed. Joe Leer has helped with locating the curb valves in town which is required by the DNR.

Library – At the last meeting the Library Board voted to give the Library Director a raise to maintain her salary to be commensurate with the part time City employees. The summer program was well attended. The summer barbeque had 60 in attendance.

Sheriff's Report – June 2024 – 37 total calls - 5 ambulance requests; 1 animal bite; 4 animal complaints; 1 child custody; 4 civil papers served; 1 criminal mischief; 1 disturbance; 1 drugs; 5 extra patrol request; 1 fireworks complaint; 1 harassment; 1 information; 2 intimidation; 1 mutual aid; 1 neighbor dispute; 1 repossessed motor vehicle; 1 warrant served; 2 traffic stop; 3 vehicle lockouts; patrolled 43.1 hours.

Ambulance Service Report – Mayor reported for Ambl Director J Clausen that they are working on updating protocols and updating insurance information.

Fire Dept Report – Fire Chief J Ballanger reported that pump testing was done on the trucks and found out that some work needs to be done on the pumps. It could cost up to \$20,000.00 to fix one pump and \$10,000.00 to fix another. The tires on all the trucks need replaced will look into pricing them.

Emergency Management – Working with the school for a tornado shelter has been working well.

Park/Cemetery - None

Public Comments – Tami Swarts presented questions to the council. Is there any way to put a warning system on the water tower to indicate that it is going low like her car and phone have? When we have a water shutoff is there any way to receive a text message or email to be told when it will be back on, she gets one from Moravia Schools and Alliant Energy.

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Fitzgerald to recess regular council meeting at 6:30 P.M. to go into a closed session. Roll Call – Boyd - aye, Fitzgerald – aye, Daniels – aye, J Thompson – aye. Motion passed.

Resumed regular council meeting at 7:15P.M.

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

Motion by Boyd seconded by Fitzgerald to reimburse Mark Mendick \$265.00 for damages to property. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Fitzgerald seconded by Boyd to approve putting up no parking signs on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Street on the east side of the street. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Daniels seconded by J Thompson to approve resolution #950 to set a date for Public Hearing on Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement for August 5 at 6:00 P.M. Roll call; Boyd – aye, Fitzgerald – aye, Daniels – aye, J Thompson – aye. Motion passed.

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Boyd to approve hiring temporary help for the summer for 29 hours a week at \$10.00/hr. Thompson – aye, Fitzgerald – aye, Boyd – aye, Daniels – opposed. Motion passed three to one.

Motion by Fitzgerald seconded by J Thompson to sell property located on the east side of the dump with the purchaser to pay \$1500.00 and closing costs. All ayes none opposed.

Motion by Fitzgerald seconded by Boyd to approve Resolution #949, transferring \$1,975.72 from Emergency fund to General fund. Roll Call – J Thompson- aye, Daniels - aye, Fitzgerald – aye, Boyd – aye. Motion passed.

Council reviewed quarterly reports of the water, sewer, gas rates and employee vacation/sick leave.

Complaints - none

Mayor Concerns – With the new software update the Deputy Clerk has been working extra hours weekly. The transfer station fees are going to go up at the first of the year. This has not affected our garbage rates as of now but could possibly in the future. With all the water leaks the City will hold off on street repair this summer.

Council Concerns – A citizen would like the council to put stop signs at the intersection of Elm and Second street. We will discuss at next month’s meeting.

Public Comments – none

Motion by Daniels seconded by Fitzgerald to adjourn. All ayes none opposed. Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

EXPENDITURES

- APGA SIF – renewal - \$19.00
- IA Media Network – publ – 133.25
- Microbac – labs - \$19.75
- Hill’s Sant – GB – 2,877.86
- USDA – truck payment – 9,119.00
- RRWA – WA purch – 3,451.80
- US Cellular – fire – 53.97
- Farmer’s Mutual – ph/internet – 258.17
- IA Workforce Dev – 52.99
- ANR Pipeline – Gas Transport – 3,459.51
- US Bank – fuel/ink/supl – 2,322.17
- True Value – supls – 1,314.01
- Lockridge – supl – 201.84
- Cox Law Firm – legal – 585.75
- Maine,C – dep ref – 141.00
- Newland, L – dep ref – 335.00
- Milner, C – dep ref – 141.00
- Buckley, M – dep ref – 273.00
- Dotson 202 –repairs – 180.00
- Wellmark BC/BS – INS – 5,325.60
- Transamerica – gap INS – 565.64
- Emerg. Apparatus Maint – service – 1,845.28
- Gas & Wash – Fuel – 304.71
- Overdrive Inc – renewal – 445.68
- Fusebox – publ – 170.00
- Mid AM Chemical – chemicals – 6,383.75
- Sinclair Napa – supl – 106.98
- IA One Call – locates – 29.70
- T&L Market/Deli – supl – 7.56
- Longley Trucking – sand – 408.64
- SJ Smith Co. – supl – 48.00
- Eastern Iowa Tire – Repair – 260.63
- Hall Engineering – Gas Nominating – 400.00
- Helmuth’s Lawn – mowing – 1,680.00
- Menards – supl – 426.74
- Bogle, M – cell ph – 20.00
- K Wood – cell ph – 20.00
- G Works – comp software – 7,659.00
- TOTAL EXPENSE - \$51,046.98**

May Wages - \$15,922.60

FUND EXPENSE

- Gas Dept \$ 8,726.82
- General/Other \$ 4,416.98
- Water Dept \$ 8,143.16
- Garbage \$ 2,877.86

Mayor

Debt Service	\$ 9,119.00
Fire	\$ 2,242.66
Road Use	\$ 1,248.04
Sewer Dept	\$ 11,926.22
Library	\$ 792.25
T&A	\$ 1,489.49
Water Project	\$ 16.50
Ambl	\$ 48.00
TOTAL INCOME	- \$ 51,046.98

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk