November 3, 2025

The Moulton City Council met on Monday, November 3, 2025, with the meeting being called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ogden. Roll call - present were John Replogle, Jewel Thompson, Terry Pangburn and Tyler Thompson. Mary Boyd was absent. Motion by Pangburn seconded by Replogle to approve the agenda, motion carried.

City Supt Report – Reprogrammed the school zone stop sign for daylight savings time.

Sheriff's Report – September 2025- 1 abandoned vehicle; 2 ambulance requests; 1 burglary; 8 civil papers served; 1 environmental nuisance; 1 fraud; 1 general report; 1 information; 2 juvenile problems; 1 parking violation; 1 phone harassment; 1 runaway; 1 warrant served; 3 sex offender registries; 1 suspicious vehicle; 1 theft; 1 theft of motor vehicle; 1 tobacco violation. 29 total calls and 43.8 hours patrolled.
October 2025 - 5 ambulance requests; 1 animal complaint; 1 assault; 2 civil matters; 3 civil papers served; 1 contempt of court; 2 dogs barking/at large; 1 environmental hazards; 1 extra patrol request; 1 fraud; 1 intimidation; 2 juvenile problems; 1 motorist assist; 2 open window/doors; 1 public intoxication; 3 warrants served; 1 sex offender registry; 1 vehicle lockout; 2 welfare check. 32 total calls and 30.8 hours patrolled.

Library – Director Swarts discussed programs and events for October and November. Council reviewed library packet.

Ambulance Service Report – Ambulance Director Clausen reported 10 calls for October 3 mutual aid; 1 cancelled; CFR transported 4; 501 transported 1; and 1 unknown call. The State inspection was conducted, and no deficiencies were found. State license renewed until October 2028.

Fire Dept Report – Chief Ballanger reported responding to a structure fire and a car accident. Ordered a roll up stop sign and 2 sets of gear. Currently looking for houses to perform controlled burns on.

Cemetery– None

City Hall – Sent out lead water lines notifications. Received all the easements for the water project. Finished the spreadsheets for the budget. Automatic meter reading software has been installed. Mailed the city newsletter and heating assistance flyer.

Public Comments – Chariton Valley Planning representative, Nichole Moore reported that the CDBG application had been sent in March 2025 and the city was not awarded funding. The process to reapply would need to be started from the beginning and submission would be available March 1st and July 1st of 2026. Funding is not guaranteed so the council will need to decide whether to move forward with the water project or start another submission for the grant.

Motion by J Thompson seconded by Pangburn to approve the Consent Agenda – minutes of previous meeting; bills; treasurer's reports; time sheets; license renewal for Two Cycles Bar & Grill. Motion carried.

Ambulance update - Still searching for a new ambulance.

301 W 4th Street update – The current owner has offered to sell the property for $3,900.00 without an abstract. A lien search is being conducted but we have not heard the results. Motion by Pangburn seconded by J Thompson to approve an offer to Forrest Holdings and Oaktree Properties LLC $3,000.00, subject to a clean lien search on 301 W 4th Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Replogle seconded by J Thompson to approve Resolution #971 – Transferring $16,727.00 from the ambulance reserve fund to the ambulance operating and maintenance fund for the purpose of monthly bills.
Roll Call – Replogle – yes, J Thompson – yes, Pangburn – yes, T Thompson - yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pangburn seconded by T Thompson to move forward with raising the sewer flat rate from $21.84 to $25.00 to cover department deficit, to be reviewed after being in effect for a year. Motion carried.

Motion by Pangburn to offer Helmuth's Premier Lawn Care a mowing contract for $540.00 for two years to mow the cemetery and the other three properties will be mowed by the city. Motion not seconded; motion failed.
Motion by T Thompson seconded J Thompson to offer Helmuth's Premier Lawn Care a 2-year mowing contract to mow the cemetery and city property for $650.00. Motion carried.

Council discussed splitting the garbage fee on the utility bill to create a separate line item for city wide clean up.
Motion by Replogle seconded by Pangburn to compare lists of customers with dumpsters to Hill Sanitation's list, then discuss garbage fee change on a further date. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the request for qualifications responses for city attorney.
Motion by Replogle seconded by Pangburn to approve the Law Offices of Hopkins & Hubner, P.C. for new legal counsel starting January 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by T Thompson seconded by Replogle to approve the Moulton-Udell senior class painting logos on the city sidewalks for a fundraiser. Motion carried.

Discussed the placement of the new auto reading water meters.

Complaints – Report of an aggressive loose dog; owner from outside city limits came to collect it.

Public Comments – Jerry Meredith had a question about where the water line entered his house.

Motion by Pangburn seconded by J Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 PM.

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
USDA – truck payment – $476.00
Symmetry - gas purchase – 3,707.27
ANR – gas transport – 1,917.31
IA Treas – tax – 960.51
Alliant – utils – 1,737.40
IRS – tax – 5,816.10
AFLAC – INS – 417.08
IPERS – retire – 4,089.43
US Bank – misc – 1,609.07
US Postmaster – postage – 176.24
Baker's Repair – repairs – 9.49
Bloomfield Comm – publ – 108.42
Cox Law Firm – legal – 1,064.00
IA Media Network – publ – 263.50
Menards – supl – 203.99
City of Moulton – shop/utils – 524.60
Municipal Supply – equip – 4,086.32
Myers Station – fuel – 1,079.67
SJ Smith – supl – 48.00
Transamerica – gap INS – 661.66
Well mark – INS – 7,461.46
App Co Auditor – hazmat – 607.00
Banyon Data – Software – 2,690.00
M Bogle – cell ph – 20.00
Clarks's Auto Repair – ambl repair- 1,384.60

Danko – supl – 706.96
DP Solutions – printer – 229.00
Fogle Home & Hardware – supl – 22.58
Garden & Assoc. – wa proj – 400.00
Hall Engineering – Gas nominating – 400.00
Helmuth's Lawn – mowing – 650.00
Hill's Sant – GB – 3,670.82
Lockridge – supl – 133.38
Microbac – labs – 298.00
Napa – parts – 201.83
O'Reilly Auto – parts – 48.66
RRWA – WA purch – 2,983.20
US Cellular – fire – 54.57
USDI – Publ. awareness – 585.00
K Wood – cell ph – 20.00
TOTAL EXPENSE - $51,523.12

October Wages - $26,443.21

<u>FUND EXPENSE</u>

General/Other	$ 13,037.93
Library	$ 264.00
Road Use	$ 1,399.21
T&A	$ 2,030.81
LOST	$ 0
Ambl	$ 1,754.17
Fire	$ 1,568.81
Debt Service	$ 476.00
Water Project	$ 1,103.00
Water Dept	$ 13,725.98
Sewer Dept	$ 2,974.13
Gas Dept	$ 9,489.69
Garbage	$ 3,699.39
TOTAL EXPENSE -	$ 51,523.12

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk