

Moville City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Mayor: Scott Linden

Roll Call: Present: Calvin Mellies, John Parks, Bret Hayworth, Paul Malm, via Zoom. Absent: Jared Rapp

Guests Present: Jerry Sailer, Chelsea Lux, Tanner Ploen, Judy Ericsson, Joe Barnes, Sandy Cain, Peg Gilbert, Gary Gilbert, Michael Benson, Avery Benson, Dawn Thomas, Chad Thompson and Tom Luxford.

Open Forum:

Sandy Cain raised concerns about a drainage issue and a damaged and cracked road on Carol Street in front of her home and daycare business that has persisted for the past couple of years as she has lived there. Peg and Gary Gilbert are also affected by this problem, which has been ongoing for them for nine years. The road frequently floods, and the streets are cracked and broken, creating a pool of water in front of their driveways. The Gilberts and Cain provided pictures and videos as evidence of this occurring. Mayor Linden acknowledged the issue, assuring residents and expressed hope to include repairs in the next year's budget, potentially aiming for a 2026 street repair.

Tom Luxford, Woodbury Central School Superintendent expressed interest in collaborating with the City to install new signage around town for the school. He also proposed utilizing student volunteers for community beautification efforts, including maintaining ball fields and parks through tree and flower planting, as well as cleanup activities. He also mentioned partnering with the Siouxland Foodbank to host 6-8 community service events annually.

Judy Ericsson, M.Y.R.A. requested the City's permission to install permanent turf pitching areas with pitching plates at fields 2 and 3, with MYRA covering the costs for installation and maintenance. She also requested our City's Public Works Department to increase their mowing and weeding frequency during the off-season to improve the condition of all ball fields, including the soccer field. Judy sought permission for MYRA to hire a company to treat the ball fields for weed control this fall. Additionally, she requested roof repairs for the concession stand at the soccer field and the replacement of soft, moldy plywood in the bathrooms. Judy also raised a personal concern asking the Council and Police Department for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Jones and Pearl Streets due to a blind spot that makes it difficult for motorists to see and stop at the current stop sign. If a 4-way stop is not feasible, she suggested installing "Caution: Children at Play" signs.

Dawn Thomas expressed her appreciation for the new yellow curb cuts down S. 4th Street but noted that they can become slippery when wet or icy. She raised concerns about water, pooling and freezing in these areas.

Chelsea Lux inquired about safety protocols and calling the PD if needed while working at the 4-Way Stop Shop during night shifts. Chief Barnes of Moville Police Department advised always calling 911 in the event of an emergency.

7:10 PM – Parks motions to open Public Hearing Authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the city thereunder, seconded by Mellies. Ayes; motion carries. City Clerk Peterson reported that she hasn't received any written objections and the Mayor called for any oral objections and none were made. **7:11 PM** - Motion to close Public Hearing by Hayworth, seconded by Parks. Ayes; motion carries.

Resolution 2024-32: Instituting proceedings to take additional action, motion to approve by Hayworth, seconded by Parks. Ayes; motion carries.

Resolution 2024-33: Directing the acceptance of a proposal to purchase \$550,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2024, and accepting a 10-year bid from United Bank of Iowa for the Frontage Road Improvement Project, motion to approve by Hayworth, seconded by Parks. Ayes; motion carries; bid accepted.

Fire Department Update - Chief Jerry Sailer: Five incidents reported last month, including two field fires. Fire Department trained in Lawton on forcible entry with minimal damage. Upcoming disaster drill hosted by the Town of Kingsley. The Fire Department is collaborating with Woodbury Central School for Fire Prevention Week in October. Recruitment needed for more fire department volunteers.

Police Department Update - Chief Joe Barnes: 33 calls for service in September; increase in scam-related reports noted. Issued 8 citations, 34 traffic warnings, 2 motor vehicle accidents, and 3 arrests were made. Police vehicles' radar certified for accuracy in September.

October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**; Please don't hesitate to call the Moville Police Department 712-870-1250 or the [Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE](tel:1800799SAFE) if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence.

Motion by Hayworth to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2024-7:** Amending Chapter 69, Sections 69.09(1), 69.09(2), 69.09(8), and adding Section 69.09(9), seconded by Mellies. Ayes; motion carries.

Hayworth motions to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, seconded by Malm. Ayes; motion carries.

Hayworth motions to adopt Ordinance 2024-7, seconded by Malm. Ayes; motion carries.

Resolution 2024-35: The Street Finance Report (RUT). Motion approved by Hayworth, seconded by Parks. Ayes; motion carries.

Outstanding Obligations Report: Motion approved by Hayworth, seconded by Mellies. Ayes; motion approved.

GASB 77 Urban Renewal Exempt Property Report and Letters: Motion approved by Hayworth, seconded by Mellies. Ayes; motion approved.

Water Rate Increase Discussion: Due to the high volume of inquiries regarding the water rate increase, Mayor Linden and the Council decided to compose and send postcards to residents explaining the increase effective September 1, 2024, and the Water Tower Improvement Project that has been in progress for two years. Information on a subsequent water rate increase planned for June 2025 will also be included. Our Mayor also emphasized the importance of water conservation.

Open Burn Dates: Mellies motions to approve Resolution 2024-36, setting open burn dates from November 9th through November 17th, 2024, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries

Frontage Road Improvement Project Update: Bainbridge Construction is set to begin work on the Frontage Road Project on Monday, October 7, 2024. Hayworth will write an article to inform and educate residents about this exciting project.

7:46 PM - Closed Session: Parks motions to go into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries

8:02 PM - Hayworth motions to resume regular meeting, seconded by Parks. Ayes; motion carries.

Council Concerns and Comments: Discussed various council concerns and comments. Parks motions to adjourn at 8:19 PM, seconded by Mellies. Ayes; motion carries; meeting is closed.

Next City Council Meeting: Please join us at City Hall on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

City Clerk: Michaela Peterson

Mayor: Scott Linden