

Moville City Council –Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, John Parks, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, Calvin Mellies all present. Mellies motions to approve agenda, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve utility billing trial balance, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve the bills, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council tabled general ledger transfers into correct GL until these could be posted.

Stee Maxwell speaks at the Open Forum updating the Council on the Daycare center and preliminary layout has been sent. Also, confirmed with the council that the \$10,000 in this budget year for economic development would be carried over into next budget year to go towards plans of a Daycare Facility at the Methodist Church.

Kim Steffen also spoke at Open Forum sharing with the community the plans of a “Walking Woodbury”, a walk from Woodbury Central to Arlington Cemetery and back to raise awareness for Parkinson’s disease with the National Parkinson’s Foundation. This walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 9th, 2025. The city will assist with providing barricades and Kim will speak to Chief Barnes of Moville PD for any safety protocols.

Guests present include Chad Thompson, Jerry Sailer, Joe Barnes, Dave Christensen, Pat Smith, Stee Maxwell, Kim Steffen, Emily Reinking, and Shelly Schaeuble.

Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update for the month of January. He noted there were 6 incidents to include a roll over, and two grass fires. The Fire Department has reviewed Winter Pump Operations and Safety last month and truck checks were good. Chief Sailer has applied for a Farm Credit Service Grant and hopes to purchase new helmets for the department. Sailer went over the Fire Department’s budget for 2025-26.

The Council tabled their decision after a short discussion of whether or not to continue paying the annual fee for the City’s Marketing Mail account with USPS. This was a service not used by the City but for non-profit mass mailings within our community.

Pool Manager Shelly Schaeuble and Assistant Manager Emily Reinking asked the council for permission to place an ad to hire a Manager-in-Training to begin this summer for the future of Haskell Pool. They would conduct the interviews and provide training to this individual this summer. Shelly touched on the difference between the Moville and Kingsley pools and how well a shared seasonal pass works when one is closed the other may be open. No proposed changes to be made as far as costs, passes or parties for this next season.

Motion by Hayworth to set time and place of hearing on the adoption of An Ordinance amending Section 5.07.01 (R-1) Low Density Residential in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum number of feet of area for lots to 2.5 acres., seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Resolution 2025-12 is hereby approved.

Motion by Hayworth to set time and place of hearing on the adoption of An Ordinance amending Section 4.17.11 in the City of Moville Zoning Ordinance to change the maximum overall height to 26 feet, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Resolution 2025-11 is hereby approved.

Parks motions to approve contract of purchasing eight acres of real estate from Larry Etler, at \$30,000 an acres for a total of \$240,000 to be paid out of the planning and design loan and the City will collect any farm income on the property and not to include Etler’s attorney fees, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Rapp motions to approve a \$15 water rate increase beginning July 1, 2025 for the Capital Water Improvement project, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carried. City Attorney Thompson will write up the Ordinance for the first reading March 5, 2025.

Parks made a motion for the Girl Scouts to use the City Council Chambers one hour twice per month for their meetings with stipulations of tidying up afterwards or incur a cleaning fee of \$150, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Chief Joe Barnes gave an update on the Police Department. He provided the Council with a video equipment procurement plan for new equipment such as body cameras and dash cams comparing cost to buying or leasing. Barnes also discussed changes in the budget and wages with the Council.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen discussed the next budget year changes and wages.

The Council discussed all city employee wages for the next budget year 2025-2026.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed.

Next Budget meeting is set for Monday, February 10th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. There will **not** be a council meeting on the 19th due to lack of attendance.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30pm.

With no further business Mellies motions to adjourn at 9:02pm, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson Scott Linden
City Clerk Mayor