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Regular Meeting of the Morenci City Council
February 21, 2022

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sean D. Seger opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Seger called the meeting to order with the following Councilors present: Councilor Sandra Emmons; Councilor Jeff Lampson; Councilor Jerome Bussell; Councilor Dave Lonis; and Councilor Diane Molitierno. Councilor Kandi Jarrell was absent.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Bussell, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

Brad Moran: Spoke about the Morenci Little League.

Nancy Jenkins: Spoke about the Lenawee County Commission.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on January 3, 2022, the minutes from the City Council Meeting on February 1, 2021, Accounts Balances and Revenue and Expenditures Reports through February 16, 2022, and the bills and transfers in the amount of \$1,077,219.41. Roll call: Councilors Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sean Seger recommended the appointment of Jerome Bussell to the Region 2 Planning Commission. Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to appoint Jerome Bussell to the Region 2 Planning Commission. Roll call: Councilors Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – abstain; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 5 – 0, motion carried.

City Superintendent / City Clerk's Report: City Superintendent / City Clerk Michael Sessions did not have a report.

Public Hearing(s):

No public hearing(s).

Public Safety:

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to approve the hiring of Dennis McNett at the wage of \$11.65 an hour. Roll call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to add Aaron Hipps to the Morenci Fire Department roster. Roll call: Councilors Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to authorize the purchase from R & R Fire Truck Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$38,375.00 for the Pegasus 4 Stage Single Phase 6000 PSI Air Compressor. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – no; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 5 – 1, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to adjust the line-item for Firemen / Officer's Wages to \$52,959.47 and the line-item for New Equipment & Pagers to \$16,228.53. Roll call: Councilors Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to approve the quote from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$2,802.00 for the purchase of new turnout gear. Roll call: Councilors Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Emmons, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to authorize Fire Chief Brad Lonis to execute the plan to dispose of excess SCBAs with some of the SCBAs going to the Metamora Fire Department, some to the City of Morenci DPW, and the rest to the Dominican Republic. Roll call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Public Works:

Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Lampson, to approve the quote from A-1 Fence Works for the repairs to the backstop at the Kiwanis Little League Field. Roll call: Councilors Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to approve the bid specifications for curbside brush collection. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Jarrell, to authorize the City of Morenci Administration to customize a tree removal project with Batanian's Tree Service in the amount of \$12,500.00. Roll call: Councilors Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Emmons, to authorize the creation of a hydraulic model of the City of Morenci Water System by Poggemeyer Design Group in the amount of \$9,500.00. Roll call: Councilors Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Finance, Legal, and Personnel Committee:

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Bussell, to approve the memorandum of understanding with Morenci Little League. Roll call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Emmons, to approve the resolution for the creation of a bank account and fund in the chart accounts for the CDBG grant. Roll call: Councilors Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Emmons, to set the Council Goal Session for 6:00 p.m. on March 21, 2022 as a Council Committee of the Whole Meeting. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Emmons, to hold a public hearing on the IFT abatement request from Skyline S & S Leasing, Inc. at the March 14, 2022 City Council Meeting. Roll call: Councilors Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to hold a public hearing on the IFT abatement request from Gary Beaverson at the March 14, 2022 City Council Meeting. Roll call: Councilors Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to appoint Sandra Emmons and Diane Molitierno on a committee with the Morenci Area Schools. Roll call: Councilors Molitierno – abstain; Emmons – abstain; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 4 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Molitierno, to approve the relisting with Gil Henry & Associates for 217 East Street South. Roll call: Councilors Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Lampson, seconded by Councilor Emmons, to approve the resolution engaging with the Redevelopment Ready Communities program. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Molitierno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Council & Public Comment

Councilor Emmons: Asked about the EMS funding situation. She also asked about the DPW running fire calls.

Councilor Lonis: Asked about when the new street lights would be put up.

Councilor Bussell: Asked about the marijuana overlay district and having events. Also asked about having Council Committee of the Whole Meetings again.

Councilor Lampson: Asked about an EMS report.

Kathy Schiermyer: Asked about when the new water meters would be in. She also asked that the 7:00 a.m. start time for trash service be observed.

Motion made by Councilor Moliterno, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to excuse Councilor Kandi Jarrell from the meeting. Roll call: Councilors Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Moliterno – yes; Emmons – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion made by Councilor Moliterno, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to go into Closed Session at 9:31 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268 (a) to conduct a periodic personnel evaluation. Roll call: Councilors Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Moliterno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Moliterno, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to come out of Closed Session at 10:30 p.m. Roll call: Councilors Lonis – yes; Moliterno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Lonis, to provide the City Superintendent / City Clerk a three (3) percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2021 and to provide him with incentive pay for obtaining licenses back to July 1, 2021 or when they were obtained. Roll call: Councilors Moliterno – yes; Emmons – yes; Lampson – yes; Bussell – yes; Lonis – yes; Mayor Seger – yes.

Approved 6 – 0, motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilor Lampson moved and Councilor Lonis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 P.M.

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 P.M.

Sean D. Seger, Mayor

Michael S. Sessions, City Superintendent / Clerk