

Work Session Minutes  
November 17, 2025  
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Ryan Jolly  
Danny Morris  
Jason White  
Tate Gilley  
Cassandra Lee  
Chris Proctor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jolly.

Mayor Jolly spoke to Council and those present about a draft of an application that he created. Before being considered for appropriations this application would be given to anyone requesting funds from the Budget Year 2026-2027 beginning in January 2026 and deadline to be considered would be July 1, 2026, for all paperwork to be turned in. This is something that Ms. Lee Councilperson for District 4 had requested to be done for that Budget Year and going forward to being able to have record and accountability to constituents for the Cities monies.

The Moulton Memorial Gardens had been contracted out last year and time to let bids on this is at hand. Attorney Jerome Thompson along with staff have reworked the contract and that was included in the Council packet for review and possible approval at next Council meeting. Ms. Lee asked if there had been complaints since the contractor had been doing this for approximately a year now. Mayor Jolly said that he had only heard good things and the only complaint he knew of was concerning an ant hill that the contractor, when made aware of, took care of that day. Councilman White said he had several people speak of how much better the cemetery looked since this change had taken place.

The Lawrence County History & Preservation Society had requested to speak to Council for the need of funding to help get the Byler Road area put on the Historical Registry. Ann Britnell, treasurer for the Society, gave details of funds needed for the study would be a total of \$8,000.00 of which they can get a grant for \$3,000.00 the Society will use \$2,000.00 from their funds and ask that the Council consider funding the additional \$3,000.00 since this is part of Moulton and full of history. To name a few in that specific area that would be considered historical sites the school on Rosenwald, at least 2 Churches (Freeman Tabernacle and the Methodist Church), 2 Cemeteries and the Hot Spot. The Society said this will be a long process and the funds are not needed at this specific time that they were just making sure that this is something that they can afford before going

through the entire process and not having the funding. Mayor Jolly stated that they would be given the application once approved in January like others to be submitted for consideration in the 2025-2026 appropriations.

The City of Moulton is seeing an influx of billboards being placed mainly on 157 and it has brought up the need to discuss what regulations needed to be set by ordinance to include: distance, regulations – permits – license etc, taxes to be paid for the advertisements on the board.

In our Ordinances there is not a process and procedures requirements for demolition/disassembly of a structure in ALL ZONES inside the corporate limits of the City of Moulton, and this was discussed as well as cost to an individual for permit, and details given in a sample Ordinance to Council. Councilman Danny Morris stated that he didn't see where it would be good to charge \$100.00 + issuing fee and then require someone to get a contractor for \$1,500.00 to tear down and haul off the materials etc from an individual's property if it was something the individual could do themselves... He stated that if someone had a small shed or dilapidated structure and we imposed this amount of fees and requirements on them they might just decided it wasn't worth it and the problem would still be there. Building Inspector Robert Johnston stated that those things could be changed or discussed but the main purpose in needing the Ordinance was to make sure that people were getting utilities disconnected prior to demo and disposal of the remains was handled properly – because just recently a gas meter was still in service and the property owner knew this and didn't notify to be disconnected prior to demo and burning of remains in town and this could have been a bigger problem than just the smoke that was from all the burning. The City needs to know and have proof that if a demo is taking place that all utilities have been signed off by the supervisor of that department, the fire department and building department are aware of what is going to take place and that the remains are disposed of properly.

Resolution 2025-030 Authorizing the City of Moulton to protect the Cities' interest by intervening as a defendant in the Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT) Litigation. Mayor Jolly explained the details behind this resolution and that this was something the Counties were asking that the Cities also support by doing a resolution to be included in this Litigation.

Mayor Jolly said about the next item of using Opioid settlement money to sponsor Lawrence County Youth Crime Prevention Program that he wanted to gather more information and would bring that up possibly at a later date but tabled it at this time.

Mayor Jolly mentioned that he had heard several people wanting to have public comments added to the meetings. He feels like it is something to do and his suggestion would be to have it on the Work Session and not the Council Meetings and if someone had a item that could be put on the agenda prior to the meeting that would need to be done. If a comment or question was something that had come up or something of a smaller matter this would be the time for those, and he suggested that speaker would have a time limit.

Attorney Jerome Thompson was present but had other obligations and time was getting later than he was going to be able to stay so Mayor Jolly ask to go into executive session. Motion was made by Chris Proctor to consider going into executive session for the purpose of litigation and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassandra Lee. Roll Call Vote was taken, and all ayes were heard from each member: Danny Morris, Jason White, Tate Gilley, Cassandra Lee, and Chris Proctor. Motion to go into executive session: Chris Proctor and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cassandra Lee. Mayor Jolly said the executive session would last approximately 15 minutes and they would reconvene to finish the Work Session and then move on to the Council Meeting. They exited the Council Chambers at 5:38 PM and returned at 5:59 PM.

When the meeting was called back to order the next item was Councilman Chris Proctor mentioned that he wanted Brent White who served the City for 40+ yrs as Councilman to be honored with maybe a plaque at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. All the Council and Mayor agreed to this and Mayor Jolly said they would figure out the wording and plaque purchase among them for that occasion. Secondly Mr. Proctor wanted to discuss the City taking over providing the School System with 3 SRO officers part-time and usually they are retired and would not be eligible for benefits. Many questions were posed: such as who provides the service now, how is it funded now, is the City capable of funding 3 officers and cars etc. for this, what would be the liability to the City for providing these services, etc. Mr. Proctor felt like the City could financially provide the officers and by doing so the City Police Chief Craig Knight would dictate and control those officers, and they would be present each day at the schools interacting with students and having the vehicle sometimes is all it takes to deter some problems. Traffic control would be worked by these employees also where now the guards from the Courthouse provide some in the morning time on Market St. Jason White stated why would we want to take responsibility and cost on when it is being done now by the County and State. If we can provide for 3 part-time officers then we can pay for one full-time officer and have them on the street, and I'd rather have them on the street since the SRO's are being taken care of already. Tate Gilley spoke up that with him having children in school he recognizes the need for the SRO officers but doesn't see that the City should be

providing this service they are county schools. Mayor Jolly along with Councilman Chris Proctor and Chief Knight agreed to get a meeting together and discuss all the details and then possibly comeback to Council later.

Mayor Jolly proposed to Council that since the Christmas Holiday falls this year on Wednesday and Thursday that the employees also receive Friday off but with regular pay for that day. Council seemed to agree with this extra day with regular pay.

Christmas Parade was announced to be on December 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM and the Lights at the Ballfield will begin being placed in preparation for the COTS(Christmas on the Square) event to be held there this year due to the Courthouse renovations and lawn still needing time – plans are for the COTS to be back on the Square next year but the City wants to continue to light up the ballfields etc to have two locations to grow each year for the holiday season – the park and recreation staff has been preparing before the COTS decided to use the park to have lights etc for the Christmas Season this year and to grow it each year.

Work Session was closed and Regular Meeting was called to order.

**Council Meeting**  
**November 17, 2025**  
**Immediately following the Work Session**

Present: Mayor Ryan Jolly  
Danny Morris  
Jason White  
Tate Gilley  
Cassandra Lee  
Chris Proctor

The meeting was called to order and opened with pledge and prayer by Mayor Jolly.

Council was ask to approve and dispense of the reading of the minutes from October 20, 2025 – Council Meeting

Motion: Jason White

2<sup>nd</sup>: Danny Morris

Resolution 2025-029 “Back to School” Tax Holiday 2026 for July 17-19, 2026 was approved by:

Motion: Cassandra Lee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Danny Morris

The Gas Supervisor Caleb Harville was present and ask to explain an invoice from Neal’s Measurement Services LLC in the amount of \$36,690.08 that was needing approval. Mr. Harville explained that the definition of what is classified as a regulator station has changed and the EPA has new requirements for a regulator station – currently we have 14 Farm Taps that fall under this new definition that will have to be brought up to the new specifications and while doing that the regulators on them are no longer available so they will also be changed to the current 627R regulators.

Motion to approve invoice of \$36,690.00: Danny Morris

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Proctor

Mayor Jolly ask that the Council consider going into executive session to discuss real property that the City has interest in.

Motion made by: Cassandra Lee to consider executive session

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason White

Roll Call was all ayes: Danny Morris, Jason White, Tate Gilley, Cassandra Lee, & Chris Proctor

Motion to enter executive session: Cassandra Lee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tate Gilley

Mayor Jolly stated that they would return to the chambers in about 15 minutes.

They exited the Council Chambers at 6:43 PM and returned at 6:52 PM.

Meeting was adjourned by motion: Chris Proctor

2<sup>nd</sup>: Danny Morris

Motion to adjourn: Chris Proctor

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cassandra Lee

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Ryan Jolly, Mayor

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Danny Morris, Council Member

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Jason White, Council Member

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Tate Gilley, Council Member

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Cassandra Lee, Council Member

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Chris Proctor, Council Member