

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 24, 2017

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Voth in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington.

Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor Todd Voth, Deputy Mayor Karen Liebrecht, and Council members Don Myers, Ryann Leonard, Bill Ecret, David Curnel, and Mike Norman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Debbie Doran-Martinez, Chamber of Commerce, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORTS - None

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS - None

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the January 10 meeting were presented for approval.

Approval of Claims, Prepaid Claims, Checks, and Payroll: Vouchers audited and certified by the Finance Director as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims, certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Council for approval and is retained for public inspection at the Civic Center. As of January 24, 2017 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$497,385.73; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$107,130.50 and \$1,847.59; claim checks in the amount of \$1,969,792.40; and payroll in the amount of \$338,971.84.

Ordinance - Amend 13.03 - Stormwater Utility and Provisions for Rate Structure: An ordinance was presented which removes the fees and references them to the approved fee schedule.

Action Taken: Council member Norman moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Council member Curnel, and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 1.20 - CIVIL CODE ENFORCEMENT

An ordinance was presented which establishes a graduated civil violation schedule for repeat property owners under the public nuisance provisions of the Municipal Code.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director/Deputy City Manager, mentioned that there was considerable discussion by the Council at the last meeting concerning the proposed changes but no direction was given to staff so no changes have been made to the draft ordinance. He requested direction from the Council on proposed changes to the ordinance.

There was considerable discussion about the process and fees and it was the consensus of the Council that any decisions be delayed until the City Attorney is available to discuss an alternative process.

ORDINANCE - REPEAL 2.46 - TOURISM COMMISSION

An ordinance was presented which repeals Chapter 2.46, Tourism Commission.

The ordinance repealing Chapter 2.46 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Tourism Commission" was read by title only.

John Williams, City Manager, stated that with the changes within the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission, the Tourism Commission has become redundant and should be eliminated.

Action Taken: Council member Leonard moved that the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Council member Ecret, and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - COLVILLE FUELS, LLC

John Williams, City Manager, stated that the Municipal Services Agreement with the COLVILLE Fuels, LLC has been finalized after much work by City staff.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director/Deputy City Manager, stated that the agreement has been reviewed by both the City Attorney and the attorney for Colville Fuels and is acceptable to both. He reminded the Council that the main concerns have been the perception that people patronizing this business would not pay sales tax, that the City would not benefit from the gas tax or tobacco tax, and property tax would not be collected. He explained that the issues were researched and it was found that non-tribal members pay the state sales tax but tribal members do not; that the City collects \$20.84 per capita from the gas tax, no matter how much fuel is sold in the state; and that the state keeps all of the tobacco tax; and since property tax is not collected by the county, the Colville Fuels has agreed to pay about \$23,000 a year to the City to offset the loss of property tax.

Council member Leonard stated that she was concerned about no time line to mitigate any traffic and circulation impacts by the development on city streets, the lack of definition of criminal enforcement on the part of the full time commissioned security officer from the Tribe, and the lack of financial information in the document.

Action Taken: Council member moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement, seconded by Council member Norman, and passed with Council member Leonard opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SNOW REMOVAL

John Williams, City Manager, stated that City staff have done a great job on the snow removal this year and pointed out that major street repairs will have to wait until spring.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer, mentioned that the Street Division will be fixing the worst potholes starting this week.

Council Member Leonard requested that the snow removal policy be discussed by Council in the near future.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST

Todd Voth, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director