

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
February 14, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Myers; Deputy Mayor Martinez; Council Members Eck, Fancher, Madewell, Swartz, and Skaug. Council Member Eck left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Manager Allison Williams' husband, Allan Williams, led the Flag Salute.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Fancher requested Consent Item "e" be moved to new business.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the Agenda as modified, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**SUMMARY REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Planning Commission Appointment

Community Development Director Kirsten Sacket and Planning Commission Chair Nathan Nofziger conducted interviews on both applications received and recommend appointment of Aaron Weber. Mayor Myers recommended appointment of Aaron Weber to the Planning Commission for a 6-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the appointment as presented, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force Representative and Alternate Appointment

Staff received an email from Commissioner Rob Jones with the by-laws for the new Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force. The City Council needs to send a recommendation designating one Member and one Alternate to represent the City on the task force. Other representation will be from Grant County Health District, a Medical Healthcare Service Provider, a Behavioral Health or chemical dependency treatment service provider, Grant County Veterans Services Officer, Chief Deputy of the Grant County Jail, and an "at-large" small city member appointed by the Association of Grant County Cities and Towns.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to appoint Deanna Martinez as the Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force Representative, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to appoint Don Myers as the Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force Alternate, second by Council Member Skaug. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Random Acts of Kindness Day Proclamation

A proclamation was read declaring February 17, 2023, as Random Acts of Kindness Day. Gene Sharratt represents a group of individuals devoted to the central Washington Act of Kindness 2023 campaign. He attended the meeting remotely to thank the City for the proclamation and to suggest making 2023 a year of kindness.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Fire Employee Promotion

Fire Employee Joe Schwendeman was given his oath of office for his recent promotion to Battalion Chief.

New Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director

Doug Coutts was introduced as the new Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Service Director. Dollie Boyd was thanked for her service as Interim Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display

Museum Superintendent Dollie Boyd described cost, duration, positive, and negative aspects for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration option of a traditional firework show vs an aerial light show using drones.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to proceed with the traditional fireworks show and send a request for funding to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Legislative Priorities Update

Local priorities included Water Infrastructure, Police Reform, Police Station Construction, and Larson Playfield Irrigation Conversion. Updated AWC priorities dated February 6 were also included in the packet.

City Annual Report

Assistant City Manager Rich Huebner reviewed the content of the 2022 City Annual Report and thanked directors for their contribution.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #1
  - a. City Council meeting minutes dated January 24, 2023
  - b. Electronic Transfer: #206 - 216 - \$1,922,339.66  
Checks: 159427 - 159648 - \$1,050,832.33  
Payroll Checks: 1/20/2023 - #64942-64964 - \$9,843.29  
2/03/2023 - #64965-64981 - \$6,271.47  
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - 1/20/2023 - \$550,549.28
  - c. Police Investigation Account Resolution 3932
  - d. Aspect Consulting On-Call Contract
  - e. *moved to New Business*

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## NEW BUSINESS

- #2 DOH Associates Police Station Owner’s Representative Contract  
Council pulled from Consent to discuss the particulars needed of an Owner’s Representative. City Manager Allison Williams explained the value that has been provided on the Larson Rec Center, and the desire to have this same oversight of the Police Station Build. Change Orders were minimized as a result of their work.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to proceed with the Owner’s Representative, second by Mayor Myers. The motion was withdrawn.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to discuss further with DOH Associate’s Larry Gangle at the next meeting (*will be the 3/14 meeting, due to availability*), second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0. Council Member Eck was not present for this vote.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Downtown Clean up Event

The Moses Lake Downtown Association is hosting a clean-up event on February 25, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

### Water Purveyor Profile Sheet

A summary of issues, needs, sources, public safety, contacts, and fast facts was included in the packet.

### Ambulance Cost of Service Study Request for Qualifications

The 2023 Budget includes expense to solicit vendors for a Cost of Service Study for availability of an ambulance program. The study will determine future staffing and fees for the program. The last study was completed in 2016.

### Parks Watering Conversion Update

McCosh Park and Cascade Valley Park have been converted for full irrigation using lake water.

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Swartz expressed his excitement for going to AWC Action Days on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Council Member Fancher announced that he is going to be on the Moses Lake Economic Development Council for his work position. He will recommend City Manager Allison Williams if an ex officio position opens.

Council Member Skaug attended the Finance Committee meeting. There were a few budget amendments brought forward. He also commented on the State Audit Exit Interview and gave kudos to Finance Director Madeline Prentice for her and her team’s work with the auditors.

Council Member Martinez also attended the Finance Committee meeting. The money that is

being spent speaks to the priorities that the Council has brought forward, including bringing more staff on and moving staff around to fill gaps. Some of the money that is being spent is also on water and sewer infrastructure. There is a security group who will be contracted for the sleep center. Grant County Health District met and they are switching gears to pre-covid programs such as the Harm Reduction Program, needle exchange, and the Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco program. The Moses Lake Community Coalition will be meet in March.

Mayor Myers will miss Grant Transit Authority (GTA) meeting this month due to conflict with AWC Action Days. Public meetings for the GTA Service Analysis will be held on February 15, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Transit Center and on February 21, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – Noon via Zoom.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss Real Estate Acquisition, Elected Official or Employee Complaint, and Potential Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (b), (f) and (i). The session was extended 15 minutes. There was no business to follow.

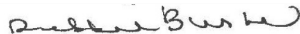
### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



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Don Myers, Mayor



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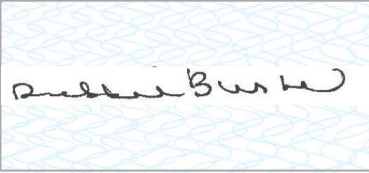
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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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