

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
February 27, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Debbie Burke called the roll. The following were present:

Mayor Liebrecht, Deputy Mayor Curnel, Council Members Myers, Norman, Jackson, Riggs, and Leonard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Ellisia Dalluge led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Employee Recognition. Mayor Liebrecht and Deputy Mayor Curnel gave a special presentation to Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero thanking her for serving as the Council's Clerk prior to hiring the new City Clerk.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Airport Commission. Council Member Jackson requested to revisit Ordinance 1612 that was adopted February 8, 1994.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

New City Employee Introduction. City Manager John Williams introduced Debbie Burke who has been hired in the newly established position of City Clerk. Former City Clerk/Finance Director Cindy Jensen administered the Oath of Office.

New Police K-9 Unit. Police Chief Kevin Fuhr introduced Chief, the new K-9, and Officer Nick Stewart, K-9 handler. They will leave on Sunday for ten weeks of training in Spokane.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
- a. Meeting minutes dated February 13, 2018.
 - b. Claims in the amount of \$287,718.55; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$53,574.26; claim checks in the amount of \$1,285,671.34; and payroll checks in the amount of \$350,832.26.
 - c. Resolution 3719 Amending Fees for Public Record Requests.

Action taken: Council Member Norman moved to accept the entire consent agenda as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- #2 Ordinance 2890 – Amend MLMC 12.36 Park Rules and Regulations
Regulations to prohibit exhibits and displays are necessary to avoid undesirable liabilities. 1st presentation of the amendment was presented on February 13, 2018. Executive Secretary

Sophia Guerrero read the ordinance title into the record.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance 2890 as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#3 Solid Waste Utility Cost of Service Study Contract

There was a consensus among Council during the February 13th Study Session on solid waste to pursue hiring Bell and Associates, Inc. to conduct a cost of service study to be completed no later than August 2018. Council discussion followed.

Action taken: Council Member Norman moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Bell & Associates as written, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#4 Ordinance – Amend MLMC Chapter 10.12 Parking Regulations

This amendment will delete the “No Parking” requirement for the GTA on Fourth Avenue. 1st presentation of the ordinance. No action taken.

#5 Resolution 3717 – Rescinding Resolution 3509, Annexation Policy

The resolution would allow the current properties of the Port of Moses Lake to connect to water and sewer utilities without having to execute an Extra-Territorial Agreement or annex without an impact to the city’s emergency services. Council discussion followed. Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero read the resolution title into the record.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to adopt Resolution 3717 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#6 Gumwood 2018 Water Main Project

Staff advertised for bids using the city’s small works roster and received seven bids. The low responsible bid was from Joe’s Excavation in Othello, WA in the amount of \$119,100.51. Council discussion followed.

Action taken: Council Member Norman moved to award the Gumwood 2018 Water Main Project to Joe’s Excavation in the amount of \$119,100.51, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#7 Well Restriction - Covenant

The declaration is for wellhead protection of Well 20 by prohibiting storage around the well.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Declaration of Covenant as presented, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#8 CenturyLink Phone Contract

The 2018 Budget document included a request to replace the city’s phone system over a three year period of \$55,000 per year. The final contract was negotiated for a three year cost of \$40,500 per year plus a one-time cost of \$5,000.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for a new telephone system, second by Council Member Norman. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Deputy City Manager Gil Alvarado explained the business of crypto currency and the related complications they have become for the Community Development and Fire Departments.

City Manager John Williams requested the Council who have not completed the required Open Government Training Act training to do so and send their certificate of completion to Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS


(Leonard) Inquiry to staff on the status of a report back to Council regarding funding additional fire and ambulance positions, (Curnel) commended Police Chief Fuhr for holding community events, commented on legislature's action that exempted themselves from the Public Records Act, (Liebrecht) attended Mayor's Exchange in Olympia last week, (Riggs) great attendance at the MLBA Brews and Tunes event last weekend, (Norman) announced and provided written resignation as Council Member effective tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST


Debbie Burke, City Clerk