

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
May 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only online meeting access. Special notices for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda as well as a special News Flash on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Curnel, Deputy Mayor Jackson; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Dean Hankins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Moses Lake High School Recruits

Since the normal in person presentation will not occur this year, staff had banners made for the students to be displayed by the Fire Department during the graduation parade next Friday for the following seniors: Army-National Guard: Kersey Wilem and Aiden Meyers; US Air Force: Mone Weech; US Navy: Christian James Ramirez; US Marine Corp: Abram Ramirez III, Kayton Carmack, Colin Clemons, and Daniel Emerson. Thank you for your commitment to serve!

Moses Lake Watershed Council

Mayor Curnel wanted to formally appoint Council Member Riggs to represent the City on the Moses Lake Water Shed Council.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to affirm the appointment, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

AWC Annual Conference

This year's conference and annual business meeting will be held in a virtual format June 23 – 26. Council are encouraged to register since there is no cost for the online access.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Phase 2 Opening

City Manager Allison Williams said Grant County Health District Administrator Theresa Adkinson has been amazing in her leadership since the pandemic shut down began and thanked her for submitting the application to the state to move the entire County to Phase 2 of reopening.

CITIZENS COMMENT

Homeless Shelter Location

Council received petitions from Jennifer DeHoog and Maggie Estrada opposing the Longview Tracks location for a homeless camp. Staff also received and forwarded citizen comment request emails to Council from Don Kersey and Brian Edwards that were in opposition of Council's May 12 decision of the location for a homeless shelter.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated May 12, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 147894 through 148053 in the amount of \$1,246,491.82; Payroll Checks 63396 through 63406 in the amount of \$12,085.50; and Electronic Payments dated May 15, 2020, in the amount of \$483,813.22
 - c. Set Public Hearing Date for Annual Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan
 - d. Set Public Hearing Date for Penn Street Right-of-Way Vacate Resolution 3806
 - e. Accept Stratford Rd Watermain Replacement Project
 - f. Award Stratford Rd Paving Project Bid
 - g. Farwest Steel Discharge Permit Increase
 - h. Sagecrest Phase 1 Final Plat Approval

Deputy Mayor Jackson requested staff to review the low bid for Stratford Rd Paving Project.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

- #2 Homelessness Contract for Services

Mayor Curnel reviewed the process leading to the May 12 decision for a homeless camp. Due to the large public outcry in opposition, the Council has brought back the topic for reconsideration. Staff provided three options for Council action.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to select Option 3. To start the homeless outreach only and carry out a process for the location of a long-term need and find a short-term location by the August due date, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- #3 Purchase and Sale Agreement Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber approached the City about their desire to relocate in February of 2019. The March 24, 1959, agreement provides a first right of refusal and option for the City to purchase the chamber building for the value of the land plus improvements which is \$177, 380. Recreation classes and temporary police location during facility remodel were two examples from staff of how the building may be used.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize City Manager Allison Williams to execute the Agreement, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Allison Williams noted that the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan will have a first reading on June 9, review by Planning Commission on June 11, and Public Hearing prior to adoption by Council on June 23. The first meeting of the Hearing Examiner will be with the Planning Commission tomorrow at 10 a.m. and there will be a kick-off meeting for the Comp Plan Update and Housing Action Plan on Friday.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Liebrecht thanked citizens that were involved to help facilitate the Council's change in decision for the location of homeless services.

Council Member Hankins requested to dissolve the Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee and to have future reporting be presented to the full Council.

Deputy Mayor Jackson commended Municipal Services staff for the recent safety improvements at Nelson, Wheeler, and L Roads.

Mayor Curnel will be attending a Zoom meeting with HopeSource and will report the discussion back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST



Debbie Burke, City Clerk