

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2020

STUDY SESSION

FCS Group Principal Angie Sanchez and Project Consultant Melanie Hobart provided a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom regarding the fundamentals of setting water and sewer rates. They illustrated a snapshot of the existing water and sewer infrastructure, percentage of water usage by residential, commercial, and multifamily, then outlined the cost recovery for the operating and capital expenditures. The Consultants will plan to bring back preliminary findings to a Council subcommittee before final presentation to the full Council. Council concurred to have an annual review of the rates.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only online or telephone meeting access. Special notices for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda as well as online under the COVID-19 alert.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curnel led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Former Mayor Lee Blackwell

A moment of silence was called in the memory of former Mayor Lee Blackwell May 2000-2002 who recently passed.

Grand Columbia Boy Scouts of America Proclamation

Mayor Curnel designated July 29, 2020, as "Scout Me in Day" to commemorate the 1,000 boys and girls participating in programs from Prosser to the Canadian border and from Cle Elum to Ritzville. The public is invited to participate in the River Run Regatta of activities both live and livestream.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Water and Sewer Rates Study Session

City Manager Allison Williams provided accolades to the staff and consultants for their excellent work done on the presentation of the Water/Sewer Rate Study Session.

New Police Officer

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr provided a brief biography and photo for Council of his newest hire of Police Officer and Former Reserve Officer Roland Alejo. His entire academy class voted him the most wanted person to be a partner with.

Fee Schedule Analysis Update

The previous discussion and analysis have been postponed until next year when the process can be facilitated by the new Community Development Director. The results of fees collected this year are very strong due to the number of large projects being expected.

Homeless Program Update

Communications continue with Grant County to get funding allocations in place as well as the designed locations for the emergency shelter. Council Members Liebrecht, Eck, and Hankins offered to participate in discussion on this topic outside of Regular Meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated July 14, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 148598 through 148792 in the amount of \$1,106,249.18; Payroll Checks 63445 through 63458 in the amount of \$11,901.35; and Electronic Payments dated July 10, 2020, in the amount of \$443,123.73
 - c. DCMAC and Talenfeld Properties Covenants and Easement Resolution 3812
 - d. Accept Knolls Vista-Wheeler Road Sewer Improvements Project
 - e. Award 2020 Manhole Lining Project

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

NEW BUSINESS

- #2 Plat Extension MLMC Title 17 Amendment – First Presentation
Staff drafted changes at the Council’s request to allow for additional extension in Expirations of Preliminary Major Subdivision Approvals MLMC 17.12.100. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the changes and unanimously voted for no change in the Code. Council and staff discussed change in conditions that may need to be addressed. Sun Terrace is at the end of the maximum eight-year period to develop. Houston Aho, Developer of Sun Terrace, shared that the cost to Bond would be around \$135k for one year. Staff advised there would be a 30-day period to draft a Development Agreement.

Action taken: Council Member Eck made a motion to authorize staff to move forward in drafting a Development Agreement and advertising for a Public Hearing to get back to the Council for approval, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0. *(note: staff determined after the meeting that this is not a viable option for this situation)*

- #3 Community Services of Moses Lake Deferral Request
Construction of a new food bank is proposed to be located at Grape Dr and Highway 17.

The contractor has submitted a request for deferral of construction requirements on streets, sewer, and streetlights. Staff recommends Council approve the deferral and authorize a covenant on improvements to be recorded for Moses Lake Community Services new construction since the area is not currently improved to City standards and there are no plans for extending City sewer or storm at this time.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the deferral request, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Allison Williams announced the virtual Open House for the Love’s Travel Stop project will be on Thursday, August 13 from 6 – 7 p.m. The focus will be on the proposed transportation improvements associated with a future Love’s Travel Stop located along eastbound Interstate 90 (Exit 174) between Pritchard Road and Sage Road. Registration to attend is required and comments can be submitted in advance to SCJ Alliance via email. Council and staff discussed the ownership and maintenance of roads in the area and plans to better define the division of duties in this process as well as safety concern for the on and off ramp flow.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Hankins inquired about any inclination for future in person meetings. City Manger Allison Williams advised that the Phase 3 meetings requirements have recently been ratcheted down and the Governor has frozen all Counties to their current Phase.

Council Member Riggs provided an update on the Watershed Council relative to blue green algae testing of the lake and photos posted online. Warning signs have been posted at City parks by the Department of Health regarding algae contact. The Conservation District has requested comments on impacts from citizens.

Council Member Liebrecht expressed appreciation to the Municipal Services Street Division for the bright yellow painting of curbs.

Deputy Mayor Jackson echoed Council Member Liebrecht’s appreciation and inquired about the time taken for the Stratford Rd project. Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly advised that the completion period is 100 days, that he has contacted the Contractor, and he will email Council the result of their discussion via email.

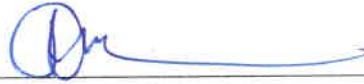
Mayor Curnel asked Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly to check in with the School District for water conservation compliance. He mentioned one school he observed being watered daily.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (g) to discuss performance of a public employee; and there will be no action to follow. The Mayor extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk