

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
August 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via remote meeting access. Special notice and instruction for attendance, citizen comment, and public hearing testimony were posted on the agenda as well as online under the COVID-19 alert.

ROLL CALL

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

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to excuse Council Member Eck, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Liebrecht led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to approve the Agenda as is, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Curnel designated September as a special awareness month for Childhood Cancer. Pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

New Employees and Employee Promotion

New hires Leigh Ramsey from Utility Billing and Police Officer Caleb Martin were recognized with photo and biographies. City Manager Allison Williams also announced the promotion of Jovita Cantu to Permit Technician with Community Development.

Bond Finance Report

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that a Bond Ordinance to secure funding in the State's LOCAL program for new fire apparatus will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Downtown Street Closure for Business Relief from COVID

The Downtown Moses Lake Association has applied for a special event permit to close 3rd Avenue between Division and Ash for expanded services of patron seating on Fridays at 6:30 a.m. through Saturdays at 8 p.m. each week through the middle of October. All restaurants and retail businesses have expressed agreement for the road closure.

Request for Night Work – Chip Seal Project

Staff is requesting authorization to conduct work at night. They plan to shoot oil and add chips during the day and then sweep and fog seal at night when the temperatures cool.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the night work for the chip seal project, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Grant County Consortium for COVID CDBG Funds

The partnership of the County and its Cities will increase the funding available. This grant will provide assistance to at-risk residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to authorize the City to join the Consortium, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated July 28, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 148794 through 149029 in the amount of \$1,386,833.22; Payroll Checks 63459 through 63475 in the amount of \$16,834.54; and Electronic Payments dated July 24, 2020, in the amount of \$445,877.11
 - c. Emergency Declaration Extension Resolution 3813
 - d. Ratify Easements 2010-2019 Resolution 3816
 - e. Award Radio Antenna Install on Reservoirs 2, 4, 6, and 7
 - f. Accept HCI Industrial – Reservoir 8 Painting Project

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 5 – 0, Mayor Curnel recused himself from the vote for potential conflict of interest on item (d).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

#2 Interim Controls Ordinance 2953 Work Plan

Ordinance 2953 was adopted on June 23 to place interim regulations on small wireless facilities and wireless communications while staff work on an update to the Municipal Code to meet current FCC standards. No comments or requests to speak were received in advance of the meeting. Mayor Curnel officially opened and closed the hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to confirm the ordinance with no further findings and to accept the Work Plan as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#3 Fat Beam, LLC, Franchise Ordinance 2954 – First Presentation

Fat Beam, LLC, is requesting the City grant them a franchise to locate tele-communications infrastructure within certain rights-of-way to serve various buildings owned by the Moses Lake School District. No comments or requests to speak were

received in advance of the meeting. Mayor Curnel officially opened and closed the hearing at 7:36 p.m. Council will consider adoption on August 25.

NEW BUSINESS

- #4** 2715 Westshore Dr NE Request to Connect to Water and Sewer
Jolene and Robert Burke request approval to connect to the City's water and sewer systems to serve parcel #147731000.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 2715 Westshore with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

- #5** 2597 Westshore Dr NE Request to Connect to Water and Sewer
Andy Tonklin requests approval to connect to the City's water and sewer systems to serve parcel #141722000.

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 2597 Westshore with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Cindy Jensen provided the 2nd Quarter Financial Report in the meeting packet. The revenue totals are better than expected since the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic quarantines have been in place.

Annual Solid Waste Rate Adjustment

Finance Director Cindy Jensen also mentioned that the CPI increase required in the Solid Waste Hauler contract will not cause a need to increase the rates to the public in 2021. The water and sewer rates for 2021 will be determined following the consultant's study on these services.

COVID-19 Funding updates

City Manager Allison Williams advised that the Chambers and Auditorium A/V upgrades have been scheduled from September 21 to October 9. Contracts are in the process of being executed to the Downtown Moses Lake Association and to the Chamber of Commerce for consulting services to process applications for the City's CARES Act funding to local businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to be held for 45 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 
Debbie Burke, City Clerk