

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via remote access. Special notices for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Curnel, Deputy Mayor Jackson; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins. Council Members Myers and Riggs were present at the start of the meeting but with initial audio access issues.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Myers led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Curnel removed Consent item (h) Accept Police Pole Building Project from the agenda.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to approve the Agenda as amended, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 5 – 0.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Department of Ecology Outstanding Performance Award

Mayor Curnel received a letter to acknowledge the Wastewater Division's award of outstanding performance in 2019 at the Larson Wastewater Facility. The letter stated they appreciate the extraordinary level of effort of the talented and proficient operators.

Grant County Mask Up Campaign Proclamation

The proclamation was drafted in coordination with the County Commissioners, Health District, and other jurisdictions to implement precautionary measures and awareness for the public to wear masks.

City Manager Evaluation

The Mayor and Council have developed an evaluation process in accordance with the employment contract for City Manager Allison Williams.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Employee Promotion and New Hire

Jovita Cantu was recently promoted to Permit Technician, her former position was Administrative Assistant to Community Development and Development Engineering. Melissa Bethel has accepted the position of Community Development Director and will join the team in October.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting

A meeting will be held on August 31 for the LTAC members to review the 2020 funding status and determine the 2021 funding applications details.

Love's Travel Stop Project

The project has been in the process of permitting with the City since late 2018. The site was posted in October of 2019 in accordance with permitting processes. The City issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance in December, with an appeal period ending in December. The State Department of Transportation and City staff will be collaborating on the transportation needs for this location beyond this permit. Staff and Council appreciate the input that has been received on this project from the community and desire to improve outreach processes around land use issues.

Governor's Proclamation for Wildfire State of Emergency

Fire Chief Brett Bastian has one crew dispatched to a fire in Omak in response to the Governor's Proclamation that was issued last week.

Tribal Code Amendment for Fireworks

The Business Council of the Colville Tribes adopted a Resolution in August that defers approval of permits for fireworks on trust properties to the local jurisdiction.

Grant County Public Hearing on COVID-19 CDBG Funding

Additional resources have been available for Counties and Cities working as a Consortium for this funding. The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and receive comments on proposed activities. Time and remote access information was included in the Council Packet.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Love's Travel Stop

Tom Jones, Lynda Wrynn, Kimberly Ashley, Michael Ziembowitz, and Carrie Nordberg provided comments in opposition of the project. One caller dropped connection prior to hearing from Robert Robinson, his comments were received for the record via email the following day.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated August 11, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 149030 through 149187 in the amount of \$1,110,042.55; Payroll Checks 63476 through 63506 in the amount of \$29,068.15; Electronic Payments dated August 7 in the amount of \$452,375.39; and Electronic Payments dated August 21 in the amount of \$445,748.91
 - c. Grant County Public Hospital District Abandon Easement Resolution 3817
 - d. Angle Parking Update Resolution 3820
 - e. Cascade Valley Policy to Build and Covenant
 - f. Norco Industrial Discharge Permit Update

- g. Accept Coolidge Water Main Project
- h. <item removed from agenda>
- i. Accept Street and Utility Improvements Sun Terrace 2 Resolution 3819
- j. Accept Street and Utility Improvements Sun Terrace 3 Resolution 3822

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#2 Fat Beam Franchise Ordinance 2954

Fat Beam, LLC, is requesting the City grant them a franchise to locate telecommunications infrastructure within certain rights-of-way to serve various buildings owned by the Moses Lake School District. Public hearing and first presentation of the Ordinance occurred on August 11.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#3 MLMC Title 17 Update on Plat Extensions Ordinance 2955

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the extension of preliminary plat approvals. They recommended no change to the existing code and asked that the City look for other administrative relief for the proponent of the change. The Planning Commission reviewed Council's action on August 13 and recommended that an Ordinance with an 18-month sunset amendment be presented to Council.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to adopt the Ordinance following changing Plat Administrator approval to City Council, changing the sunset year to 2023, as well as amending Section B. as provided in a memo from Aho Construction; second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#4 Fire Apparatus Bond Ordinance 2956

The final step for Council action to finance the purchase of two fire apparatus currently under contract to be built is to approve the bond ordinance and the interlocal agreement with the State of Washington LOCAL program.

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

#5 Plat Extensions Fee Schedule Resolution 3814

The Planning Commission recommends the City implement a fee of \$250 to provide for the administration of the plat extension application.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to adopt the Resolution as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Director Cindy Jensen is working with staff to implement utility payment plans around September 1 to residents effected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Allison Williams advised that the Museum has submitted a re-opening plan to the Grant County Health District.

Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly provided a summary of the overall Stratford-Valley Road project and that completion is still scheduled for November 24. He also reviewed the daily penalties to the contractor for not completing the project on schedule.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Liebrecht gave accolades to Communications & Marketing Specialist Lynne Lynch for sharing Columbia Basin Herald articles in the weekly report for Police and Fire, as well as to the current Police and Fire staff. She also commended Wastewater staff for their award from Department of Ecology.

Deputy Mayor Jackson asked if the meeting agendas could be front and center on the website homepage for easier access to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to be held for one hour pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (b), (c), (g), and (i) to discuss acquisition and sale of real estate, performance of a public employee, as well as litigation; and there will be no further business. The Mayor extended the Executive Session for 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 
Debbie Burke, City Clerk