

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2018

STUDY SESSION:

A study session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss a budget direction for Fire Department and Solid Waste Services.

CALL TO ORDER:

By a bang of a gong, the regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington, followed by a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on 9-11-2001.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Fire Chief Brett Bastian led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of 9-11.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Liebrecht shared her experience from the recent visit and city tour for Grant County's Sister City guests from Gunpo, South Korea.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Council Member Leonard asked for an update to be scheduled to discuss the work program related to Crypto Currency. Deputy City Manager Gil Alvarado advised that staff has a meeting scheduled with the Grant County PUD at the end of September to discuss the data points they used for the new rates they adopted for this type of business.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Police Officer Hiring Bonus

Due to the recent fee increase for police academy registration, staff requested an increased signing bonus for Lateral positions.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to authorize staff to offer a signing bonus not to exceed \$10k, which will be distributed at the discretion of the Police Chief and City Manager, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Port of Moses Lake Passenger Van Interlocal Agreement

The city has been asked to provide a tour for seven visitors coming to Moses Lake from the Japan-America Society's Grassroots Summit being held in Seattle next week. The ILA will allow the Port to loan their passenger van to the City to accommodate transportation of the guests for the city's portion of their tour.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Curnel moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement as presented, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Solid Waste and Recycling Cost of Service Report

A study session was held with Bell & Associates on August 14th to review the draft report. A final draft of the study was distributed to Council in advance of the meeting.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Curnel moved to accept the final Cost of Service Report, second by Council Member Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

WCIA Report

Deputy City Manager Gil Alvarado provided a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the benefits of the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), as well as the evolution for actual vs. projection of claims data.

PRESENTATION

Water System

Water Division Supervisor Chad Strevy provided information for everyone to better understand how the water system operates, starting from 17 wells and ending with 9,300 service connections. They have received an overwhelming compliance from residents for the conservation efforts established by Council this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes August 28, 2018.
 - b. Claims in the amount of \$1,135,577.40; prepaid claim checks in the amounts of \$4,333.78 and \$24,128.75; claim checks in the amounts of \$73,053.00 and \$659,353.85; and payroll checks in the amount of \$419,236.53.
 - c. Accept Ray Louise Major Plat.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- #2 Street Name Change MLMC 12.32 Ordinance 2910
First presentation of the draft ordinance occurred on August 28th. The Ordinance renames Leland Drive to Polo Ridge Drive to allow the roadway to have a consistent name along its entire length.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance 2910 as written, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 Water and Sewer MLMC 13.08 Amendment

The amendment will remove water main assessments on WA State Department of Natural Resources property in consideration of Kittelson Road Easements. 1st presentation of the ordinance. No action taken.

#4 Deviation to Driveway Standard MLMC 12.10

Moses Lake School District is requesting a split driveway with designated in and out lanes to serve a new parking lot on Pilgrim Street. Staff recommends the deviation be granted as a safety consideration.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to approve the deviation as requested, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#5 Impact Fees Study – Parametrix Contract

Council directed staff to retain a consultant to develop a methodology to implement Impact Fees to Street and Fire capital projects that have a nexus to the particular development. A written comment received from the Spokane Home Builders Association was distributed at the meeting.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement for impact fees as stated, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 1, Council Member Leonard was opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager John Williams noted that the City has met with the Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County Commissioners regarding distribution of the 3/10 sales tax option for law enforcement purposes. More information will follow as the Commissioners circulate information to other jurisdictions.

Fire Chief Brett Bastion announced a \$5k grant award from the North Central EMS Committee for prehospital life support training.

Deputy City Manager / Community Development Director Gil Alvarado informed Council of recent issues with mowing at the locations of signs in public places. Staff will present suggestions at the next meeting for options to change the current practice.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS – no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Liebrecht called an Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to be held for 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale with no action to follow. The session was extended at 8:50 p.m. for 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk