

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
September 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers; Deputy Mayor Martinez; Council Members Eck, Fancher, Madewell, Swartz, and Skaug.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Myers led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Skaug requested to move Consent Agenda item (k) HopeSource Shelter Management Extension to New Business.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as amended, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

PRESENTATION

Moses Lake Community Coalition 2nd Quarter Update

Megan Watson, Coalition Coordinator and Matt Paluch, Executive Chair provided a slide deck summarizing the services being provide on substance abuse prevention and plans to branch out for mental health issues. They are continuing to coordinate with the school district for youth surveys and with the library to host drop-in youth activities.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Municipal Airport – Rod Richeson, Moses Lake Airport Commission Chair, expressed his frustrations with the restricted abilities for their volunteers due to the lack of policies approved by Council. Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr advised that he has a volunteer policy drafted that will be presented at the next Airport Commission Meeting.

Municipal Airport – Ron Percy, Moses Lake, provided comments on the recent airport closure that was due to a lack of communication to staff that they had moved the location of the Experimental Aircraft Aviation Chapter BBQ because they were unable to obtain required event insurance. They may plan to operate under the SpringFest special event application in 2024.

Miscellaneous – Andrew Koeppen, Moses Lake, created a Moses Lake Events Facebook page that allows businesses and organizations to post for a one stop shop viewing of community activities. <https://www.facebook.com/events/explore/moses-lake-washington/113449922003415>. He again shared his concern of privacy for the use of automatic license plate readers.

Miscellaneous – Elisia Dalluge, Moses Lake, relayed information on the airport, community coalition, Youth Dynamics fundraiser flyer, city budget workshop, and Grant County 2024 property tax estimates.

Youth Dynamics Fundraiser – Director Shawn Sallis, c/o Mayor Myers, invited the Council to

the auction on October 14, at 7 p.m. at the Grant County Fairgrounds. RSVP due date is October 6. He asked Council to advise staff if they are attending so a notice of quorum could be posted.

2024 Draft Budget – Jeremy Nolan, Moses Lake, thanks staff for all of their work and inquired about including a modeling forecast within the budget document, aggregate totals for expense types across all funds such as wages and benefits, as well as price volume analysis and expectations from year to year.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

A proclamation was read declaring October 8 through 14 as Fire Prevention week with the theme of “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.”

Constitution Week Proclamation

September 17, 2023, marks the 236th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States. Mayor Myers read the proclamation as a fitting and proper accord of recognition to this magnificent document, its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which commemorate the occasion.

City of Yonezawa Mayor Correspondence

A letter and photo was received from of our sister city Mayor. He thanked Council for the Kimberly Mathews Wheaton prints and stated that he is looking forward to restarting the adult and student exchange programs.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Failing Septic on Marina Dr.

Deputy Mayor Martinez requested staff look into comments made at the State of the Lake meeting regarding failing septic systems.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Animal Shelter Facility Tour

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr and Assistant City Manager Rich Huebner facilitated a tour of the shelter for six Council Members last week. Grant County Commissioner Rob Jones is interested in meeting with city staff to discuss a joint venture to improve the facility.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Application Cycle

Assistant City Manager Rich Huebner advised that the LTAC members met on September 11 to review the application guidelines. They set an application due date for 2024 funding on October 6 at noon, applicant presentations will be October 11, and a meeting the following morning to determine recommendations of funding for Council consideration on October 24. Board member applications are being accepted to fill one vacancy on this committee. Eligible person will need to represent a business who collects the tax.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated September 12, 2023
 - b. Claims and Payroll
 - c. Photo Enforcement RCW Reference Ordinance 3035
 - d. Set October 24 for Public Hearing – Property Tax/Budget
 - e. Surplus Properties Alder & Virginia Resolution 3952
 - f. CAD Homes Request to Build on Unplatted Resolution 3953
 - g. City Easement Abandonment-Relocation Resolution 3954
 - h. Parkway Dr Easements Resolution 3955
 - i. 2020 Fuel Procurement Contract Amendment
 - j. Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Consultant Amendment
 - k. *moved to New Business*

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0. Council Member Fancher abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Museum Lighting and Solar Panel Projects Contract

Two representatives from McKinstry Industries provided a summary of their process for the investment grade audits contracted through the state Department of Enterprise Services (DES) as their energy service company (esco). Staff are requesting Council consider approval of the museum lighting and solar panel projects. McKinstry rep explained how funding clean energy projects work and that the solar panels will have a guaranteed net zero cost after reimbursement of the grant awarded by the Department of Commerce.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve execution of contracts for both projects with a follow-up report on the anticipated lifespan of solar batteries compared to cost and life of a generator, second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 HopeSource Shelter Management Extension

The amendment extends the original 2020 contract through the current Department of Commerce funding period. Resident David Hunt and several Council Members requested more information on their services. Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr advised that HopeSource staff will be providing a report prior to the next Council meeting. Community Development Director Kirsten Peterson reviewed details of funding and services. Council requested staff negotiate a month-to-month contract extension for the winter months while a formal Request for Proposal process can occur for a future contract for management of the shelter.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the amendment as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0. Mayor Myers paused the meeting at 9:01 p.m. to sign student attendance sheets.

#4 Longview Park/Sun Terrace Park Design Services

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Doug Coutts and two Park Board members reviewed qualifications submitted by three landscape firms. Authorization for the design of both parks will result in a large cost savings and make the projects eligible for a grant funding opportunity in the Spring of 2024.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to authorize design services of Longview and Sun Terrace Parks as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr will have staff contact Council Member Skaug regarding status of Moses Lake Industry water pressure and building permit.

Council Member Madewell advised that the parking lot project in question was being paved today.

Deputy Mayor Martinez shared that NARCAN (overdose treatment nasal spray) supplies are available through the Grant County Health District for public safety agencies. The public can obtain the treatment through pharmacies or from a vending machine at the sleep center. She commended partners of the Moses Lake Watershed Council for efforts on lake clean up. The Columbia Basin Allied Arts UMANI Festival will be held this Saturday at Sinkiuse Square. The Creative District is hosting SuperSones as the final act in the 2023 summer concert series on Saturday at McCosh Park.

Mayor Myers attended the Community Development and Public Works Committee meeting. Staff have reported positive updates and will be bringing forward solutions to the full Council. Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr is meeting with Congressman Newhouse next week to discuss funding. The Grant Transit Authority has a new app to do live tracking on bus service and trip planning.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.




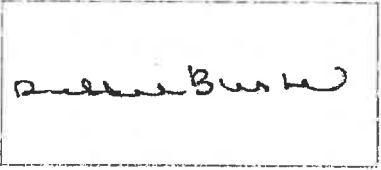
Don Myers, Mayor



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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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