

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
Saturday, October 24, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only 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.

**2021 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

A draft budget was distributed to staff and Council on Friday. City Manager Allison Williams provided an overview of the budget. Her goal is to have general fund revenues and expenses balance. Variables include one-time revenues from the REC settlement with Grant County, and sales tax on new facilities being constructed: hospital, temple, elementary school, and Love's Travel Stop.

Reserves were discussed. The Government and Finance Officers Association recommends allocating two months of operations in reserves. The new Finance Subcommittee will draft Finance Policies for the full Council to adopt in 2021.

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that a super majority vote will be required to adopt a special resolution on November 10 to authorize an additional 1% property tax levy for 2021. Also of note, there will be a mandatory Federal Audit due to the revenue of Federal Grants exceeding \$750k in 2020.


Each Department Director reviewed the major changes summarized in the individual Fund Narratives for their department. Parks and Recreation Director Spencer Grigg, Finance Director Cindy Jensen, Building Official Kevin Myre, and Fleet Manager Steve Hibbs have plans to retire next year. Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly announced that they have been approved to receive a loan from WA Department of Transportation Community Airport Revitalization Board to fund a new retail fuel tank at the airport.

Council and staff discussed unfunded items, freezing non represented staff wages, providing an extra holiday for non-represented staff for observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, program changes for utility billing, consideration of a new Arts Fund, jail capacity issues, fire inspection rating, volunteer EMS Medical Director, potential of a new habitat trail, and an annexation analysis.

Council requested a review of the final 2020 budget outcome in April 2021 to consider addition of unfunded items into the 2021 Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

  
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David Curnel Mayor

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Debbie Burke, City Clerk