

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2021

STUDY SESSION

Water Sewer Rate Design

FCS Consultants Angie Sanchez and Melanie Hobart provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate three rate plan options. Staff recommended rate design 2 for Water and rate design 3 for Sewer. Council concurred with staff, especially with the incentive to conserve water for residential rates. The new rates will be implemented mid-year to allow for community education and coordination of a single input to the new Utility Billing Software. There will be no net impact on the City's budget from January 2021 rate increases due to the new tiered structure.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Riggs led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to approve the Agenda as is, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

City Manager Anniversary

Mayor Curnel acknowledged City Manager Allison Williams' first year anniversary as an employee of the City of Moses Lake and recognized her great work thus far.

Mitsubishi Industries Meeting

Mayor Curnel met with the President of the local Mitsubishi plant on January 13. He was apologetic about their suspension of the commuter program and ability to only keep a skeleton crew here for the next four to five years due to the effect of COVID on the airlines.

Legislative Updates

Several proposed changes were discussed during the remote AWC Mayor's Exchange last week. City Manager Allison Williams will follow bills and advise Council if action is needed. Chief Fuhr spoke on the top ten bills that could propose a problem, out of the 60 bills being introduced on Police Reform.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Downtown Moses Lake Association New Executive Director

Executive Director Lexi Smith has been with the Downtown Moses Lake Association for around one month. Her current goals are to work on education and resources, workshops for business, grants, and collaboration with the City.

Mae Valley Traffic Study Contract

The City has hired Perteet Engineering to conduct a transportation analysis of the Mae Valley area roadways. The Washington State Department of Transportation is partnering and providing funding to help with the cost. The analysis covers the area West of the Interstate 90 bridge, including on and off ramps and other roads in the area. The study will ensure the transportation network will serve the growth, including the capacity of the freeway at that location. This analysis will be completed by the end of April 2021.

Community Development Neighborhood Meetings

Community Development staff are working on a temporary fix in the Code to require Neighborhood Meetings for developments effecting residential areas. In the meantime, staff are requesting these meetings for new applications.

Community Clean-Up Events

The Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District is planning a modified version of their annual lakeshore clean up on March 20. The community clean-up is the 1st Saturday in May. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department is refreshing the Adopt-a-Street program that was started in 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated January 12, 2021
 - b. Claim Checks 150748 through 150928 in the amount of \$2,069,920.14; Payroll Checks 63618 through 63635 in the amount of \$15,088.88; and Electronic Payments dated January 10, 2021 in the amount of \$453,966.61 and January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$447,749.00.
 - c. Fire Alarm Monitoring MLMC 16.36.120 Ordinance 2966
 - d. Grant County Recording Fee Interlocal Agreement
 - e. E & F Recovery Billing Contract Termination
 - f. Water Right Purchase & Sale Agreement – Herring (2) and Prchal

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

NEW BUSINESS

#2 Finance Policy – First Presentation

Finance Director Cindy Jensen presented a Financial Policy that will allow for the formal management of the City’s financial affairs. Most of these policies have been followed informally for several years which has allowed for prudent management already. The policies include items that are in progress as well as some planned to be completed with the Comprehensive Plan.

#3 3462 Westshore Drive NE Request to Connect Water and Sewer

William G. and Elizabeth A. Porter request approval to connect to the City’s water and sewer systems to serve parcel #121126025.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 3462 Westshore Drive NE with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AGCCT held an online meeting last night. The Municipal Court Clerk issue was discussed and City Attorney Katherine Kenison is going to initiate a short-term interlocal agreement for a new Court Clerk. This will eventually become an agreement with other cities who express interest.

Bridges sister city association held a virtual youth exchange last December, the Yonezawa summer youth exchange and the 40th anniversary events are still planning to occur at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS


Council Member Karen Liebrecht expressed her thanks for the new sign on Sage Rd. that says “No Trucks.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to be held for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (i) to discuss litigation; and there will be no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk