

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
February 23, 2021

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 Myers led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Census Certificate of Recognition

The U.S. Census Bureau sent a Thank You Certificate to acknowledge our participation in the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Director Search Process

Prothman Company will be under contract to provide nationwide announcement for the positions of Finance Director and Municipal Services Director.

AWC Legislation Letter

Staff will draft a letter for the Mayor to sign to accompany letter from Police Chief Kevin Fuhr discussing the concerns and implications of pending Police Reform bills.

Action Taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve sending a letter regarding the Police Reform Legislation, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried unanimously.

Bid Opening for Larson Recreation Center

The bid opening for the Larson Recreation Center took place today. There were six bids with an apparent low bid of \$8.9 Million. The bid award will be presented for Council consideration on March 9.

PUBLIC HEARING

#1 Surplus of Utility Property Resolution 3843

Some of the proposed surplus is for excess utility property items. Chuck Yarbrow will be auctioning some property and the rest will be sold for scrap. Mayor Curnel opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. There being no testimony, the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Resolution 3843 to surplus utility property, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #2**
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated February 9, and 16, 2021
 - b. Claim Checks 151063 through 151190 in the amount of \$1,003,402.13; Payroll Checks 63645 through 63656 in the amount of \$10,220.26; and Electronic Payments dated February 19, 2021 in the amount of \$464,677.22
 - c. Accept Biosolids Application Project
 - d. Accept EVCO A-V Upgrade Project
 - e. Update Community Standards MLMC 12.08 Ordinance 2967
 - f. Quit Claim Airport Boundary Resolution 3844

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

OLD BUSINESS

#3 Retitle Parks Department MLMC 2.20 Ordinance 2968

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Department staff are recommending a change of name from `Parks & Recreation Department to Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. This change will identify the 1990 addition of the Moses Lake Museum and Art Center. First presentation of the request occurred on February 9.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 2968 as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#4 Enhanced Shelter Funding Contract

City staff have been working with HopeSource to support their purchase and renovation of the El Rancho Motel for enhanced shelter facilities for transitional housing situations. The motion failed at the meeting on February 9 and Council requested more information. Staff provided additional information and letters of support from City of Ellensburg officials. Erika Ritchie, Social Worker and Youth Homelessness advocate from HopeSource, spoke in support of the enhanced shelter. School Board Member Vickey Melcher spoke in opposition of the City funding to HopeSource for the shelter funds.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize the Enhanced Shelter funding contract as presented, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 6 – 1. Deputy Mayor Jackson was opposed.

#5 Airport Lease Modification

Council adopted a new lease agreement in January 2020. City Manager Allison Williams reviewed leases from other airports and provided the amended language to Section 31. Cessation of Airport to identify a concern from tenants who are financing improvements at the airport. Municipal Airport Board Member Darrin Jackson expressed the Board's agreement with the update.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the Airport Lease modification as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#6 Sagecrest Developer Agreement

Due to the unexpected pace of this project, the City was not able to prepare the projects necessary to keep up with Hayden Homes schedule for the water and sewer line replacement in Westshore Drive. Staff is requesting Council consideration to allow staff to exercise the portion of the Developer Agreement related to completing the water and sewer improvements in Westshore Drive and appropriate bonding to ensure the completed project.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to authorize the City to move forward with the reimbursement to the Developer per the Development Agreement, with a finding that the timeline is required by the Developer to have them proceed with the project and have the City reimburse them, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#7 Zoning for Sleeping Shelters MLMC 18 Ordinance 2969

The original siting decision and type of shelter used for the Open Doors Sleep Center project in 2020 was made under the emergency provisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated grant funding. The Code needs to be amended to authorize sleeping shelters at the Broadway location. An email was received from Vaughn Ann Blethen in support of the zone change.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2969 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#8 Community Street and Utility Standards Update Resolution 3845

Staff has updated the 2018 Community Street and Utility Standards to correspond with the 2020 Washington State Department of Transportation’s Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to adopt Resolution 3845 as presented, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#9 Flying T, LLC Airport Lease Addendum

In lieu of the annual lease payment, the Lessee will deliver a Quit Claim Deed for the property for the new fueling station being purchased through WSDOT CARB Loan. There is full consideration for the lease payment to the City based on the value of the appraisal and the Lessee will continue to pay the leasehold excise tax on the property.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the Flying T, LLC Airport Lease Addendum as presented, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#10 Oasis Major Plat Request to Connect to Water/Sewer

Shane Carlile, Developer of Oasis Major Plat, requests approval to connect to the City’s water and sewer systems to serve parcels #141676000 and #161682001. There are redline changes that ensure the Developer provides additional notification as lots are sold to the owners that the property is connected to City water and sewer. Danielle Escamilla with Western Pacific Engineering spoke on the project and requested 24 lots instead of 16.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer in the new Oasis Major Plat 24 lot subdivision with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Allison Williams requested Council send her comments regarding the snow removal as she will be addressing the current contract protocols with staff. She also stated that staff will have the facilities and policies ready to have a limited attendance in-person option for the next Council meeting.

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that they are in negotiations with Eastside Wood Recycling to collect yard waste on a portion of the property at the City's former fire range. This would avoid costs of the other potential vendor to haul to Ritzville.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Don Myers thanked the Police Chief Kevin Fuhr for coordination his ride along, shared a few incidents, and that there is a good morale within the Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Jackson thanked staff for looking into the snow removal process and for finishing the airport lease updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST



Debbie Burke, City Clerk