

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only remote and limited in-person 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 Liebrecht led the Flag Salute in honor of Women's History Month.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Women's History Month

Mayor Curnel gave accolades to our female leadership in the last few years for gender of first Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, Community Development Director, as well as the most recent designation of our Interim Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director.

Larson Treatment Plant Award

A recognition plaque for the Department of Ecology (DOE) 2019 Outstanding Performance of the Larson Wastewater Treatment Plant was given to Public Works Division Director Mike Moro. Staff were also recognized during August 25, 2020 meeting, upon initial notice of the award from DOE.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

New Employee

A brief introduction was given of the Municipal Services Building Custodian Jessica Palmer.

Parks Comp Plan Consultant Interviews

Three firms who submitted proposals will be interviewed via Zoom next Tuesday from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Staff inquired for interest of Council to fill one position on the interview panel.

Wanapum Sewer Emergency Project

There are collapsed main lines on Wanapum at the intersections of Peninsula and Lakeshore Drives. Most of this infrastructure was replaced about 15 years ago and this is the last several feet of line and manhole replacement needed. The Engineer's project estimate is \$180k. The project is close in proximity to similar work scheduled for Laguna Drive.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to authorize staff to execute a contract with the low bidder

to be ratified at a future meeting by Council, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Stratford Road Project Update

Traffic signal controls have been received from the testing lab in Tumwater. The Contractor will be on site Sunday for project completion that should take about four weeks.

Columbia Basin Railroad Clean-Up

Photos were shown to provide recognition to the Columbia Basin Railroad for their clean-up efforts of former homeless camps conducted along the railroad tracks following the opening of the sleep center.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1 a. City Council meeting minutes dated February 23 and March 3, 2021
b. Claim Checks 151191 through 151348 in the amount of \$1,228,754.31; Payroll Checks 63657 through 63665 in the amount of \$6,221.26; and Electronic Payments dated March 5, 2021 in the amount of \$463,932.57
e. ~~MLMC 2.08 Council Meetings at 6 pm Ordinance 2970~~ – item (c) was removed for separate discussion and no motion was made to consider approval

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to approve Consent Agenda items (a) and (b), second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Water-Sewer Rate Implementation Timeline

The cost of service analysis for the Water-Sewer Rate Study was presented to Council on January 26. Staff provided a timeline with a robust effort to inform the public in advance of January 1, 2022 implementation. Council Member Eck volunteered to serve as the Council representative for this Ad Hoc Committee.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the timeline as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#3 Larson Rec Center Funding Update

The City is eligible to use the State Treasurer’s Local Option Capital Asset Lending (LOCAL) program to pay for the Larson Rec Center. The City has filed its intent to borrow and needs to update the application, as well as engage the Bond Counsel to prepare a bond ordinance. Documents need to be executed by the end of April to meet the State’s bond filing in June. Several citizens provided comments to Council both in favor of a new facility as well as concerns of incurring new debt and competition with local athletic clubs. There was a discussion of the financing, excellent bids, and excellent interest rates. The exercise equipment is not part of the borrowing package. Slides of the proposed ExerGame Performance X Room equipment were shown during the meeting to show the specialized, youth focused, nature of the equipment.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to direct staff to pursue project financing through the

State LOCAL program in the amount of \$11,350,000, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#4 Award Larson Rec Center Bid

Staff opened six bids on February 23 for the construction of a new Larson Recreation Center. The low bid is \$8,900,000 and the Architect's estimate was \$10,000,000. A fire pump for the sprinkler system may need to be added which had a low bid at \$107,000. The low bidder for both the Project and the fire pump is Leone and Keeble out of Spokane, WA, and they have successfully completed multiple projects for the City. City Manager Allison Williams introduced Larry Gangle from DOH Associates who is contracted to serve as the Owner's Representative for the project.

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to award the Larson Recreation Center Project to the low bidder, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#5 Maple Grove PURD Ordinance Draft

Hearing Examiner Andy Kottkamp reviewed the preliminary plat and Planned Development District at a public hearing on February 9. He recommends Council adopt an ordinance approving the project with conditions. Staff provided a memo outlining recommendations for action. The proponent's attorney provided testimony supporting staff's recommended motion.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to remand to the Hearings Examiner to reopen the public hearing on this matter in order to consider new information that may impact the conditions of approval for both the Planned Development District and underlying subdivision, and to do so within the next 45 days, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#6 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update Contract

The Shoreline Management Act of 1971 requires all counties, and most towns and cities, with shorelines to develop and implement a Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The City's periodic review update is due June 30, 2022, and every eight years thereafter. Staff have determined that a large portion of the SMP will require updating to protect both private property interests and natural resources.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with SCJ Alliance and subconsultant Four Peaks, to perform and manage the State required SMP periodic update, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Grant County Municipal Court Services ILA

City Attorney Katherine Kenison has received correspondence that the staffing issue has been reassigned to Judge Hill. He is in the process of drafting a new Interlocal Agreement which would require the County to hire staff to fulfill the Court Clerk duties that would be funded by the Cities in Grant County. Mrs. Kenison also thanked the Police for their response and recovery of items from a recent burglary at the complex of her Broadway office location.

Surf 'n Slide Pool Liner

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Susan Schwiesow advised that supplies for the project have arrived and the contractor will install the pool liner this week.

MRSC Local Government Webinar

City Manager Allison Williams asked that Council let her know if they are interested in receiving a copy of the recorded webinar she attended last week. The presentation contained a great review of both staff and Council roles and responsibilities, as well as touching on the purpose and process of Comprehensive Plans.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Riggs attended the Columbia Basin Development League annual conference via Zoom last week. There was a presentation on fulfillment of 80k acres of land that are not irrigated and depletion of the Odessa aquifer. He also commented on another meeting with MLIRD about using the lake/reservoir water for local irrigation to reduce the impact on potable/well water supply.

Council Member Liebrecht requested Committee meeting agendas be sent in advance of meetings along with the anticipated length of the meeting. She also requested staff look into available options to require new construction signage having titles of pending projects that are visible from the road.

Mayor Curnel announced that he will retire from his medical profession in three weeks. He has been a physician in Moses Lake since 1980.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to be held for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (i) to discuss potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:27.

#7 Settlement Agreement Authorization


Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize City Manager Williams to execute the Settle Agreement as discussed in Executive Session, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk