

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
April 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:01 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; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins. Deputy Mayor Jackson joined the meeting remotely at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curnel led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Armed Services Recognition – High School Graduates

Mayor Curnel presented a recognition certificate, city pin, personalized banner, and folded US Flag to the following Moses Lake High School 2021 graduate entering the US Army-National Guard: Charles Harris. The following two US Air Force recruits were unable to attend the meeting and received their items prior to the meeting: David Emerson and Warren Emerson. Also recognized were US Army-National Guard recruit Barry Weaver and US Marine Corps recruit Lawrence Thompson, though they were unable to attend the meeting.

Council Candidate Workshops

The City has advertised an election season workshop for new potential Council candidates. Interested persons need to sign up through the City Clerk's office in advance of the workshops being held on April 28 at noon and April 29 at 5 p.m. Mayor Curnel verified which Council Members would attend each session.

Memorial Services

There will be a memorial service for Tony St. Onge will be on Friday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church and one at 11 a.m. on Saturday for Brent Reese at Lake City Foursquare Church.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Police Evidence Custodian Introduction

Chief Kevin Fuhr introduced Miranda Martinez as the new Police Evidence Custodian.

Earth Day Poster Contest

Museum staff conducted a youth poster contest and awarded the following winners: 8 and under: 1st place Shaurya Singh, 2nd place Rithi V Bhogarju; 9 and older: 1st place Kamryn McNett, 2nd place Carlee Howard.

Comprehensive Plan Timeline Update

An updated timeline was emailed to Council that reflects the extension that was granted due to COVID-19 pandemic delays.

Neighborhood Meeting Ordinance Discussion

Melissa Bethel gave an update on the Neighborhood Meeting Ordinance and Council also heard from Planning Commission Chair Nathan Nofzinger regarding their recommendation to deny the Ordinance. A Public Hearing will be scheduled on this Ordinance at the end of May where Council will vote to approve, deny, or remand back to the Planning Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated April 13, 2021
 - b. Claim Checks 151752 through 151860 in the amount of \$1,050,458.30; Payroll Checks 63677 through 63686 in the amount of \$4,238.97; and Electronic Payments dated April 16, 2021 in the amount of \$502,851.72.
 - c. Award Lauzier Infield Restoration Contract
 - d. DNR Kittelson Rd. Easement Resolution 3849
 - e. Accept Longview Elementary Improvements Resolution 3850
 - f. FFCRA Update Resolution 3851
 - g. MLSD Student Resource Officer Contract
 - h. FEMA Relief Funds Resolution 3852

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

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Systems Design Ambulance Billing Service

A request for proposals was published by the City with the intent of selecting a new ambulance billing contractor. Fire and Finance Departments recommend Systems Design West to provide billing for the ambulance service effective July 1.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to move forward with Systems Design West as the ambulance billing provider as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 Prior Year 4th Quarter Financial Report

The new Financial Policy that Council adopted in February stipulated that Council approve transfers of reserve funds to shore up capital replacement funds and start a “rainy day” fund. Due to the CARES Act and the additional unexpected property tax received, all operating funds will still have adequate reserves after these transfers would be made and the reserve fund is started.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the additional transfers and accept the 2020 Year-End Budget Report, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#4 Mattawa Waiver Letter and Interim Chief Interlocal Agreement

The City has been asked to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Mattawa for temporary Police Chief services. A conflict waiver also needs to be signed since Katherine Kenison serves as legal counsel to both cities.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the Conflict Waiver letter as presented, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mattawa as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The City is receiving additional COVID funding, some of which needs to be spent on business support and all expenditure completed by 2024. One of the uses that is being considered is the downtown street closures for business. The street closures will correlate to activities happening at downtown businesses and potentially concerts or music in Sinkiuse Square.

There is a telemetry study going on that will look at balancing water flows in the City. It can cause issues in water pressure, so there may be some phone calls about that. The Water department is putting together notices, and as soon as they are ready, they will be sent to Council and residents.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Myers attended the GTA Board retreat and reported that their revenue is strong and doing well despite COVID. Additionally, they are getting a Federal grant for electric busses to run within the City of Moses Lake.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. to be held for 45 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (i) to discuss potential litigation. There will be one action item after the Executive Session.

#5 Stipulation Order with the WA State Department of Ecology

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the stipulation order with the WA State Department of Ecology regarding settlement of claims for certain water rights, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST



Debbie Burke, City Clerk