

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2023

STUDY SESSION

Groundwater Management Area Study and Aquifer Status

GeoEngineers Hydrogeologist Kevin Lindsey presented a slide deck on the usage of water in the Columbia Basin. He compared the national average for residential consumption of 250 gallons per day to the City's average of 1,000 gallons per day. He reviewed data from the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) showing a decline of the aquifer. Mr. Lindsay explained interference for overall capacity is due to the decline of water in the wells. They are working to get agriculture use off the potable water aquifer and are working with Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District for lake water access.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers; Council Members Eck, Fancher, Madewell, Swartz, and Skaug. Deputy Mayor Martinez was in attendance remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Myers led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Skaug requested to postpone agenda item 5 "Shoreline Master Program – First Reading".

Action taken: Council Member Skaug moved to approve postponing agenda item 5, second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 5 – 2, Mayor Myers and Deputy Mayor Martinez were opposed.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as amended, second by Council Member Skaug. The motion carried 7 – 0.

The motion to table was followed by a motion to rescind under City Manager's Report.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the addition back to the agenda of item 5, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Homeless

Andrew Koeppen, Moses Lake, thanked Council for enforcing laws regarding the Homeless on Central Drive. He provided details on the high costs of the San Diego Housing Plan.

Various Topics

Elisia Dalluge, Moses Lake, spoke on the PFOS litigation, water conservation example from California, Police Grants, McCosh Park water conservation signs, and hiring of a City Manager.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

Sister City Proclamation

A proclamation was read to commemorate the relations and benefits from the strong friendships developed with the Yonezawa City, Japan. Council Member Swartz displayed prints from a local artist that will be sent to Japan to reciprocate the tapestry they sent to our City following the online Anniversary event last year. Student Exchange Committee Member Amador Castro provided an update on the in-person student exchange planned for 2024, memorial park bench donation, and thanked Council for their support of the program.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board Appointment

Park Board Chair Charlene Rios and Parks Director Doug Coutts interviewed three candidates meeting the eligibility criteria of residing in the City Limits. Mayor Myers concurred with their recommended appointment to vacant position with a term due to expire in December.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to confirm appointment of Brad Harshman, second by Council Member Mark Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

New Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) Committee

The PRCS is being separated from the Community Development and Municipal Services Council Committee. The new committee will meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at Noon.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to confirm appointments of Council Members Swartz, Madewell, and Eck, second by Council Member Skaug. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Council Member Fancher requested a Study Session be facilitated for water conservation solutions prior to budget work.

Council Member Swartz inquired about feasible options to eliminate shopping cart thefts.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Fire Department Citizen Recognition

Fire Chief Brett Bastian and Medical Services Officer Todd Schanze presented Amanda Taylor and Lewis Espinoza with a certificate and challenge coin for their heroic deed in performing life-saving CPR to a citizen on May 3rd.

PRR Inc. Contract Review

The consultants have completed the Strategic Communications Plan for water issues being faced by the City. The second phase of the contract would be designing campaign materials. Council concurred to have staff to issue a 30-day notice to terminate the contract.

NCW Opioid Abatement Council Interlocal Agreement

Council authorized execution of the Interlocal Agreement as presented on April 25. A new draft was circulated containing minor amendments tailored to fit needs of involved entities.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to authorize the revised agreement, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Pertect Inc Contract Amendment

The last contract amended services for the Interim Municipal Services Director through the end of December. The proposed amendment will provide funding at the current level of services through year end, should the position remain unfilled.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to authorize the contract amendment through year end, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Department of Ecology (DOE) Grant Award

The City has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from DOE to perform an Aquifer Storage and Recovery Alternatives Evaluation and Cost-Benefit Study. A copy of the grant was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to authorize the grant award as presented, second by Mayor Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING

#1 Interim Control for Covered Parking Findings

Council adopted emergency land use controls to remove the requirement for covered parking at their meeting on May 23. A hearing is required to be held within 60-days of adoption, as well as approval of the proposed Work Program to permanently remove this regulation from MLMC 18.20.050 and 18.54.040. Mayor Myers opened the Public Hearing at 7:25. There being no comment, the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the Work Program as presented, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#2 6-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Resolution 3940

Staff presented the draft TIP to the Planning Commission on June 8. The Planning Commission requested three additions: an I-90 interchange at Potato Hill Road, another interchange at Road K/Clover Dr, and an Agriculture mobility study. The final TIP will be an exhibit to the Capital Facilities Plan and sent to the Regional, State, and Federal planning organizations for projects to be eligible for grant funding. Mayor Myers opened the Public Hearing at 7:35. There being no comment, the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to adopt Resolution 3940 with the three additions from the Planning Commission, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3**
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated May 9, 11, 18, 19, 23, 2023
 - b. Electronic Transfer: 253 - 258 - \$1,186.33
Checks: 160889 - 161124 - \$1,121,715.37
Payroll Checks: #65146 - 65241 - \$26,173.76
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - \$562,716.03

- c. Central Operations Facility Upgrade Amendment #5
- d. Westshore Dr. Gravity Sewer Budget Amendment
- e. Professional Services Contract with Elevate Government Affairs, LLC
- f. Accept Stratford & Valley Signal Emergency Project

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

OLD BUSINESS

#4 Water Conservation Code/Fee Update Ordinance 3029, Resolution 3941

The staff Water Resources Committee presented changes to Council in April in effort to further conserve potable water resources and conducted a Study Session on May 9 to provide answers to Council questions. Elliott Delong provided comments on behalf of the Columbia Basin Conservation District related to deep water basalt aquifer recovery and conservation programs including work with the Heritage Gardens, Grant County Health District algae tracker, and City Park watering programs. Council requested staff make modifications to the Ordinance and bring back to the first meeting in July.

NEW BUSINESS

#5 Shoreline Management Program Amendment – First Reading

Staff worked with consultants from SCJ Alliance to prepare the periodic update. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on February 16 and recommends Council approval. Rachel Granrath with SCJ Alliance discussed the checklist that shows the changes of required regulation and local options, which will be included in the packet for the next meeting.

#6 Red, White, and Boom! Fee Waiver Request

Staff requests waiving the concession and flat vendor fees in order to increase business participation to improve attraction for the community to attend the July 1st activities at McCosh Park and in the downtown area. A schedule of events was provided in the meeting packet. The fee waivers are for this event only and staff is evaluating the procedures for these fees for all future events in the City.

Action taken: Council Member Skaug moved to authorize the fee waivers as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7– 0.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Eck reported Port of Moses Lake business: 737 Max airplane storage, Father’s Day Airshow, and that the construction of the railway begins in July.

Council Member Skaug attended the Finance Committee Meeting and thanked Finance Director Madeline Prentice for her work.

Deputy Mayor Martinez attended the Chamber of Commerce Town Hall Meeting. She advised that the Board of County Commissioners will be holding a public forum with local agencies on

July 13. She thanked Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr and Communications and Marketing Specialist Lynne Lynch for online posts about the 4th of July celebration and water conservation.

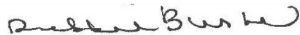
Mayor Myers attended the Spring Fest Committee meeting. He announced that Ian Lockwood, from Toole Design Group, will be doing a presentation in Moses Lake at the Civic Center Auditorium on June 22 from 10:30 to 4:30 p.m. The presentation is titled *Design Training: Explore current transportation opportunities to plan, design, and build walkable, accessible communities.*

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Don Myers, Mayor



ATTEST

Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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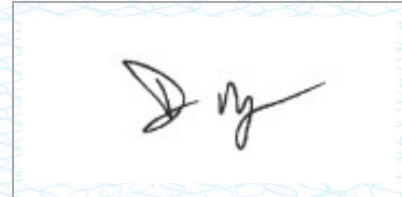
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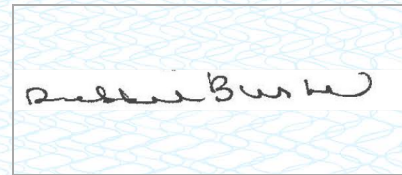
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