

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Hankins with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hankins; Council Members Fancher, Eck, Swartz, Madewell, and Martinez. Deputy Mayor Myers attended remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Airport Commissioner Richard Pearce led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Lower Peninsula Planned Unit Development

Former Mayor David Curnel, Moses Lake, summarize housing needs and how he supports this project. Airport Commissioner Richard Pearce, Moses Lake, expressed opposition to multi-family development. Chuck Perry, Moses Lake, supported both comments.

Arts Ordinance

Shawn Cardwell with the Columbia Basin Allied Arts spoke in support of the 1% for the Arts Ordinance that will be brought forward later in the meeting.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Yonezawa Sister City Anniversary Event and Letter of Condolence

The Yonezawa Mayor has requested a virtual event around October 11th to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of our sister city relationship. City Manager Allison Williams and Mayor Hankins sent a letter of condolences for the loss of their former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Mayor Nakagawa.

Taishin Group of Japan Visit

The Taishin representatives met with the Mayor and City staff on July 15. They focus their youth exchange program with Community Service for the Parks Department and are planning their next visit in August during the Grant County Fair.

Sila Technologies Update

Mayor Hankins and City Manager Allison Williams were a part of a group at Big Bend Community College who were introduced to Sila Technologies staff on July 19.

Legislator Update

Mayor Hankins and City Manager Allison Williams met with the legislators and discussed anticipated growth, transportation needs, EPA superfund site, and police reforms that were needed to correct legislative changes that have been damaging to the ability to police our community.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Firefighter Badging

Deputy Fire Chief Pete Kunjara delivered the oath of office to Firefighter Steven Moyer who has completed probation.

Employee New Hires

A brief introduction was given for Facilities Maintenance new hires Courtney Rollins, PJ Morfin, and Maddie Ivie.

Employee Years of Service Awards

Sixteen staff have achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of employment. Several employees were present to accept years of service pins from the Department Directors.

2023 Budget Guidelines Memo

The Budget Guidelines memo was provided in the meeting packet. Council agreed to holding a 2-hour workshop prior to the next Council meeting.

Grant County Animal Outreach (GCAO) Capital Campaign Letter

GCAO Board President Sara Thompson Tweedy submitted a letter of request to the City and Board of County Commissioners requesting an increase from the primary entities in the annual contracts to increase staff wages and hire additional kennel attendants. Her letter also provided detailed issues that exist in the building.

Action taken: Mayor Hankins moved to approve the additional funding and provide support for the new building as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING

#1 Maple Landing North Annexation Request Ordinance 3010

A public hearing was conducted to consider the Maple Landing North Annexation. Mayor Hankins opened the hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Staff provided an overview of the process from the initiation with Council June 14. Code provides that Planning Commission provide a recommendation.

The Planning Commission recommended the requested annexation excluding the properties with ETA’s and recommended simultaneous adoption of R-2 Single-Family and Two-Family Residential zoning. The recommended boundary would be a logical extension of the City limits and the valuation of the original petition will provide for more than the 60% required for the

three properties to be annexed into the City. There was public comment from Terry Mitchell concerning the potential increase in traffic due to a potential road. The hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Myers moved to adopt Ordinance 3010 as presented, which includes the boundary recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CLOSED HEARING

#2 Mae Valley Refuge Deferral Request

The Clerk read the proceedings for a Closed Record Hearing. Mayor Hankins opened the hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Staff provided an overview of the procedural actions taken and the request before the Council: On June 24, 2022, the Hearing Examiner issued a Final Decision approving the Preliminary Major Subdivision for "The Refuge at Mae Valley First Addition". The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Conditions of Approval and Final Decision also includes a recommendation on several deferrals requested by the applicant. Moses Lake Municipal Code (MLMC) 17.33.010 outlines the authority and procedures for requesting waivers, deferrals and deviations, which includes review by, and a recommendation from, the Hearing Examiner. The applicant is requesting deferrals on 10 items, described in Part III Conditions of Approval of the Hearing Examiner's Decision and Recommendation, and are listed as items 4.1 thru 4.10.

There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the Hearing Examiner recommendations on specific deferrals as listed within the Hearing Examiner Decision and Recommendation Conditions of Approval 4.1-4.10 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3**
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated July 12, 2022
 - b. Claim ACH 177-181 in the amount of \$1,065,875.71; Claim Checks 156955 – 157174 in the amount of \$2,620,335.72; Payroll Checks 64481 through 64538 in the amount of \$27,064.17 and Electronic Payments in the amount of \$556,056.04 on July 8, 2022.
 - c. Cascade and Lakeview Playground Replacement Projects Acceptance
 - d. RDO Water Main and Bond Acceptance

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

OLD BUSINESS

- #4** Hansen Rd. And Westshore Drive Reimbursement Ordinances 3007 and 3008
As part of the Sagecrest Major Plat improvements, the Developer was required to improve Westshore Drive and Hansen Road fronting the plat. The City of Moses Lake agreed to participate in the improvements, filling in the gaps for uncovenanted property on Westshore Drive and the completion of the West side of Hansen Road.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Ordinance 3007 as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Ordinance 3008 as presented, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- #5** Public Art Committee and Fund Creation Ordinance 3009
The proposed Public Arts Ordinance will establish the Moses Lake Arts Committee and establish a Public Art Program. It will provide for the procedures and requirements of administering the Public Art Program and create and establish a Public Art Fund which uses the dedication of 1% of the cost of construction for City capital projects over \$75,000 for the purposes of the Public Art Program. The new committee will report to the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Advisory Board, which will then in turn make recommendations to Council.

Action taken: Mayor Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 3009 as presented, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 1. Council Member Swartz opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Council Procedures Review

City Manager Allison Williams reviewed the Council Procedures. They require that when Council members bring up future agenda items, there is a consensus of three members to add items to future agendas. An item discussed at the last meeting is related to a specific land use application and will come back to Council at a later date as it is in process and the date suggested was not feasible based on where the application was in the process. She also identified that in the future, if there are items being pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion, that those items be moved to regular business at the time of the Agenda Approval, and that way they can be discussed and voted on separately rather than the current method which creates some confusion.

AWC Legislative Priorities Committee Update

City Manager Allison Williams attended the AWC Legislative Priorities Committee meeting. The agenda is being developed for AWC's purposes for the next legislative session. Items are statewide issues with an emphasis on policing regulations, infrastructure funding, affordable housing, clarification on the Blake decision and other

issues.

The Hunt for Yarely Play

There will be two showtimes of the play on August 6 at McCosh Park to inform the public on improving the water quality. A KWIQ radio ad was played that Stormwater Program Manager Brad Mitchell helped put together. The play is made possible with support from the Grant County Conservation District, City of Moses Lake, Moses Lake Watershed Council, Cascade Marina, Columbia Basin Allied Arts (CBAA), and Moses Lake Farmers Market.

2022 LTAC Event Update

Council concurred to have 2022 LTAC recipients present their events at a future meeting.

Police Events

National Night Out will be held August 2, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at McCosh Park. They won the Battle of Badge softball event with Grant County Sheriff's Office that was well attended bringing in over \$3k on raffles to go toward community outreach activities.

Skyline Drive Traffic Analysis

The analysis report from the traffic study was distributed to Council earlier in the day. City Engineer Richard Law reviewed details that would be needed to constitute thresholds for additional traffic controls (which have not been met based on the study). Similar results were received from recent analysis on Marina Drive. There are plans to deploy the devices on Loop Drive next, as well as various other locations this fall.

Citywide Vandalism

The City Manager reported on the uptick in vandalism and graffiti. There has been over \$32,000 in damages in parks in the first six months of the year. Staff will purchase and install security cameras in parks to assist in enforcement. To deal with these increased issues, police staff have been awarded a grant to fund a mental health professional in their office, they are patrolling as much as possible, and working with the County drug court. A request will be coming forward to develop a new outreach position to foster relations with the homeless population and the drug court/other community programs to assist in the overall policing effort.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Fancher attended Grant County Economic Development Committee. He also attended the Community Development/Municipal Services/Parks meeting where they discussed ramping up engagement with the EPA Superfund site monitoring.

Council Member Martinez let Council know that she was selected by the County Commissioners for the Board of Health but for a shorter term than the other elected officials. The Grant County Conservation District status is now official so they can apply for funding.

Council Member Eck continues his Coffee with a Council Member meetings at the Red Door from 1-2:30 p.m. on Monday's and Wednesday's. He also attended the new Economic

Development Coordination Committee meeting. He thanked City Manager Allison Williams for coordinating the group and they will be meeting every six to eight weeks.

Mayor Hankins seconded Council Member Eck’s positive comments on the new Economic Development Coordination Committee and that it was a productive meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hankins called an Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (b) and (i) to discuss property acquisition and potential litigation with Council, City Manager Allison Williams, and City Attorney Katherine Kenison, and there was no action to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Dean Hankins

Dean Hankins, Mayor

Debbie Burke


ATTEST

Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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