

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 23, 2022

STUDY SESSION

Grant County Trends in 2022

Dr. Patrick Jones from the Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy & Economic Analysis reviewed online data at www.grantcountytrends.org. The site contains over 60 categories of data compared at national, state, county, and city levels. Dr. Jones emphasized on the City's great graduation rates, unprecedented sales tax income, decreased water consumption since initiation of water conservation, and unfortunate increase in crime that is an impact from recent state legislation.

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, Deputy Mayor Myers; Council Members Martinez, Fancher, Madewell, and Swartz. Absent: Council Member Eck.

Action taken: Mayor Hankins moved to excuse Council Member Eck, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 6– 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Mayor David Curnel led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PRESENTATIONS

LTAC Recipient Presentations

Recipients of the Lodging Tax funding gave brief presentations on their events and how the funding was used. Those that presented were: Visit WA (Moses Lake Airshow), BMX Group, Brews n Tunes/Sip n Stroll, Columbia Basin Community Concert Association, Columbia Basin Allied Arts, City of Moses Lake Tourism, Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, Grant County Fairgrounds and The Sand Scorpions.

Advisory Council on Housing

Chair David Curnel gave an update of the Advisory Council on Housing. The report was provided in the meeting packet.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Tai Shin Events and Donation Resolution 3913

Mayor Hankins thanked all staff and citizens involved in facilitating the groups visit. They volunteered their time to paint picnic tables for the City and taking care of trash at the fairgrounds for the County during fair week. The Tai Shin Group donated \$1,000 to the City and the Tsubaki family donated \$3,000. The program has been administered in the past by former Mayor Rimple’s family and will be led by the West Family in the future.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Resolution 3913, as presented, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Childhood Cancer Month Proclamation

Council Member Martinez read the proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Month. Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation (CBCF) spoke to childhood cancer locally. CBCF has 208 clients and of those, there are five under ten years of age. They will break ground for their new radiation treatment facility later this month with Confluence Health.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

New Hires

Chief Fuhr introduced and administered the oath of office to Police Officer Darrik Gregg.

CLOSED HEARINGS

The City Clerk read the procedures, asked conflict of interest questions to Council and all Council Member participated in the proceedings.

#1 Pure Country Harvest Non-Conforming Use Expansion

Staff provided an overview of the procedural actions taken and the request before Council: On August 1, 2022, the Hearings Examiner rendered a decision of approval for the Pure Country Harvest Non-Conforming Use Expansion. The Recommended Findings of Fact, Recommended Conclusions of Law, Recommended Conditions of Approval and Recommended Decision allow the specific addition and remodel identified within the recommendation on property located at 2721 W Peninsula Dr, Moses Lake, Washington, 98837 and identified as Assessor’s Parcel No. 090304000. Mayor Hankins opened the hearing at 7:35 p.m. Applicant/owner/facility manager Turrel Smith shared the improvements made for odor and sewer issues in response to complaints from neighbors and responded to Council Member questions. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to approve the Hearing Examiner Recommended Findings of Face, Recommended Conclusions of Law, Recommendation Conditions of Approval and Recommended Decision for the Pure Country Harvest Non-Conforming Use Expansion (PLN 2022-0042) except for the bond and continued monitoring of the new chemical to help the odor with the sewer treatment, allowing the specific addition remodel identified within the recommendation on property located at 2721 W Peninsula Dr, Moses Lake, WA 98837 and identified as Assessor’s Parcel No. 090304000, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #2
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated August 9, 2022
 - b. Claim ACH 184-186 in the amount of \$661,934.16; Claim Checks 157327 – 157481 in the amount of \$2,268,844.73; Payroll Checks 64595 through 64643 in the amount of \$30,455.20; and Electronic Payments in the amount of \$580,239.29.
 - c. Perteet Municipal Services Director Amendment
 - d. Sabedra Deferral Request Covenant
 - e. Accept Lauzier Infield Project
 - f. Police Services Extra Duty Contract

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Mayor Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 Favored Farmhouse Variance Request

A request for a deviation pursuant to MLMC 12.10.020 involving driveway set back and separation was submitted to Council. City Attorney Katherine Kenison reviewed the rules of procedure applicable to quasi-judicial land use decisions and clarified that the Conditional Use Permit application for the drive through window was a different land use permit process. Citizens Rebecca Johnson, Peter Josef Steffens, and Owner Derek Martinez spoke in favor of the request for the driveway set back and separation deviation. Mayor Hankins, Deputy Mayor Myers, and Council Member Madewell disclosed ex parte contacts with the applicants and recused themselves based on appearance of fairness. Council Member Martinez also disclosed multiple ex parte conversations with the owners/applicants and recused herself. Due to a lack of remaining quorum, Mayor Hankins, Deputy Mayor Myers, and Council Member Madewell elected to participate in the vote.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the request for deviation to the driveway setback standard per the findings as described, second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

#4 1116 W Abbey Rd. Weed Abatement Resolution 3911

Code Enforcement Officer Tina Jewell was sworn in and provided testimony regarding the nuisance violation at 1116 W Abbey Rd, a property that has Bonnie J. Dial, Supplemental Care Trust for Donald L. Blann listed as owners. There was no other testimony, and the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to adopt Resolution 3911, as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#5 Maple Landing Release of Easement

Maple Landing LLC is the owner of Parcel 110002003 and requests that the City release interest in the public easement outlined in AFN 107069.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Release of

Easement regarding release of the public easement outline in AFN 107069 for Parcel No. 110002003 (known as Maple Landing), as presented, second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#6 Pure Country Harvest Build on Unplatted Resolution 3912

With the approval to expand the non-conforming use, the applicant needed approval to get a building permit for construction on unplatted property. The applicant would like to get permits for new addition, remodel, freezer loading area, and cover with sides.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to adopt Resolution 3912, as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AWC Worker’s Comp Annual Report

Human Resources Director Shannon Springer provided the report in the meeting packet and shared that the City is doing well.

Nelson Path Bid Results

City Engineer Richard Law said there were a few bids higher than anticipated and that JM Pacific was the low bidder at around \$90,000. They will begin work next week and plan to complete in two weeks. The agreement with the school district is to match up to \$50,000.

Valley Rd. Construction

Staff spoke with Mitch Molitor and the contractor about the sidewalk on Valley Rd. There was positive feedback but there needs to be easements in place to place a sidewalk.

Hotelier Memo

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is still short a representative of a tax generating entity. Letters were sent to all the hotels in the area regarding the vacancy as well as a request to partner with our homeless programs that would offer rooms for HopeSource.

Grant Application

The State reached out that they have Small Business Innovation funds that could help with incubators going on downtown. Council supported staff to move forward with an application for a partnership grant.

Schedule Budget Workshop

City Manager Williams asked Council to think about Saturdays in October that would work for the Budget Workshop.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Fancher had a good meeting with the Council Community Development, Municipal Services, and Parks Committee and is looking forward to budget discussions.

Council Member Martinez attended a Columbia Basin Groundwater Management Association meeting and believes we need to start looking at water as an infrastructure rather than just water.

Deputy Mayor Myers provided an update for Grant Transit Authority. First, the electric bus project got pushed back due to clearance issues, but they are working through them. Next, the state legislature recently passed legislation to provide fare free rides for ages 18 and under, but GTA is expanding that and doing fare free rides for all. Finally, the General Manager is resigning due to health reasons. Brandy Heston has been appointed as interim and they are looking for a new General Manager.


Mayor Hankins wanted to express that entrepreneurship is not just for the young.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Don Myers, Mayor



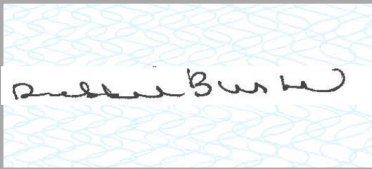
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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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