

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam St., Moses Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Liebrecht; Deputy Mayor Curnel; Council Members Jackson, Myers, Riggs, and Hankins.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to excuse Council Member Leonard, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Airport Board Chair and Former Mayor/Council Member Richard Pearce led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Liebrecht thanked Community Development Director Kris Robbins for sharing online recordings about government budgeting and urban growth area processes with Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Employee Recognitions

Human Resources Director Carlos Salazar announced 30 staff members who have achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of employment. Many of the employees were in attendance to accept years of service pins from the Director of their respective departments.

Fire Marshal Certification and New Hire Oath of Office

Fire Chief Brett Bastian provided a brief biography and introduction of his newest full-time hire of Firefighter/EMT Anthony Toto who is filling the vacancy due to a recent retirement. Chief Bastian also presented Fire Marshal Derek Beach with his recently achieved designation of Certified Fire Investigator.

Voucher Correction in Meeting Packet

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that the first four pages of claims listed were a duplicate.

Legal Newspaper Update

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr advised that there is no need to adopt a new resolution to replace the existing 1985 resolution designating the Columbia Basin Herald as the official newspaper for public notices.

PRESENTATION

Airport Lease Agreements

Airport Board Chair Richard Pearce reviewed the changes listed in his handout that also included the current agreement and an article on ground leases. He also provided a detailed history of airport operations locally as well as regionally. Airport Board Member Tim Prickett distributed sample leases from Grant County International and Skagit County Airports. He advised that we are seeing the first major growth in general aviation in 40 years. State Representative and Former Airport Board Member Tom Dent shared that he is also a member of the Commission conducting the SeaTac International Airport study for the Legislature, and that their first meeting will be held next month. Council concurred to form an Ad Hoc Committee made up of three Council and three Airport Board Members to meet with the City Attorney to redo the lease agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated August 13, 2019 (as amended)
 - b. Claims in the amount of \$2,376,224.02; claim checks in the amount of \$439,627.89; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$93,154.84; and payroll checks in the amount of \$461,075.05
 - c. Accept Salt Storage Canopy Project
 - d. Award Westlake Lift Station Upgrade
 - e. Authorize Telemetry Engineering Work Order
 - f. Robert Parrish Build on Unplatted Resolution 3776 (as amended)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- #2 Sagecrest Plat Development Agreement Ordinance 2930

The proposed agreement is with Hayden Homes, LLC for an 84-lot residential subdivision on approximately 21 acres across three plats that is located between Hansen Road and Westshore Drive. The agreement is a new strategy to expedite the platting process for the Developer, share costs of improvements, and eliminate covenants. Mayor Liebrecht opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. Two persons provided comments to Council and the Hearing was closed at 7:58 p.m.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2930, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- #3 Sagecrest Major Plat I, II, and III Preliminary Approval

This action is typically a Consent Agenda item but was placed under New Business in order to follow the Public Hearing for the Development Agreement. The Planning Commission reviewed the plats on June 13, 2019, and recommends approval based on the

Findings of Facts included in the Council Packet.

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

#4 Finance Committee Resolution

Staff drafted a resolution to add a Council Finance Committee in the Council Rules of Governance in effort to streamline the bill pay process and improve the efficiency for staff to process the Council’s meeting packet. Council did not move to adopt the presented resolution and made the following motion which will need to be formally adopted by ordinance at a future meeting in order to amend the MLMC.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to allow the Finance Director to pay bills prior to Council Meetings and present the paid bills to the full Council for review in a regular meeting packet, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Community Development Director Kris Robbins has been keeping Council informed regarding Growth Management Act updates in the weekly report. She would like to conduct a Study Session with the Council on September 10 at 6 p.m. to review the Public Participation Plan and project updates to be proposed for the 2019 Comp Plan update.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Riggs attended the National Job Corps open house and graduation ceremony. 15 persons graduated the two-year training program. They currently have 236 students and 75 employees. He stated the program is an asset to the community and that he enjoyed the keynote address delivered by Congressman Dan Newhouse.

Council Member Myers advised that the Grant Transit Authority received 40 applications for the General Manager position and only six were qualified. They will conduct candidate interviews on September 11.

Mayor Liebrecht requested Directors to let their staff know that she is proud of the longevity recognitions announced earlier and that some of the best employees are working for the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Liebrecht called an Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to be held for 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and (c) to discuss property acquisition and the sale of surplus property. The Mayor extended the meeting three times for a total additional time of 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk