

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

October 11, 2022

STUDY SESSION

Rich Wallen, General Manager of the Grant County Public Utility District (PUD) provided a PowerPoint presentation on safety, efficiency, and reliability of electric power and fiber optic broadband services, rates, costs and capacity. He reviewed three PUD initiatives for 2023, update for the Integrated Resource Plan, and research they are doing for future power sources.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda. (No audio recording due to technical issues resulting from power issue earlier in the day).

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers; Council Members Eck, Martinez, Fancher, Madewell, Skaug and Swartz. Council Member Eck left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jordan Hughes, a member of Girl Scout Troop 1232, led the Flag Salute. She and two other members provided a presentation about the International 'Day of the Girl' to recognize empowerment of young ladies to dream big and reach their full potential for human rights.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor and Council Position 7 Oaths of Office

Superior Court Judge Anna Gigliotti administered Oaths of Office for Council Member Skaug to Position #7 and to Mayor Myers for the unexpired two-year terms.

Planning Month Proclamation

Community Development Director Kirsten Sackett introduced four of the five Planning Commission members and read the proclamation declaring October as National Community Planning Month.

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

A proclamation declaring September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month was read by Council Member Martinez.

Municipal Airport (MA) Commission Letter and Liaison Request

A letter from Mayor Myers to MA Chair Finley Grant was distributed to Council prior to the meeting. The letter summarized goals, in accordance to the adoption of Ordinance 3003 which established the MA Commission in April, that need to be completed by November 10.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez moved to appoint Council Member Eck as Council liaison to the Municipal Airport Commission (a non-voting role at their meetings), second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Citizen Service Award to Former Police Chief Ruffin

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr presented Former Police Chief Ruffin with a Citizen Service Award for his recent heroic intervention of a firearm possession at the Columbia Basin Technical Skills Center.

Oath and Badging for Firefighter Taylor Thomas

Firefighter Taylor Thomas completed his training and was administered the Oath of Office for the Fire Department.

Development Engineering Manager Rob Harris Recognition

Development Engineering Manager Rob Harris was recognized for his nearly 30 years with the City and was wished well in his future endeavors.

Assistant City Manager Appointment

Richard Huebner has accepted the position as Assistant City Manager and will begin work on November 7.

Council Leadership and Budget Workshops

Council agreed to have a team building session and overview of the Nash leadership training that is being provided to the City’s leadership team prior to the Budget Workshop. The workshops will be held on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 9 a.m.

2022 Quarterly Financial Reports

The first two quarterly financial reports for 2022 were included in the packet and reviewed during the Council Finance Committee meeting earlier in the day.

AWC Legislative Agenda

The AWC City Legislative Priorities flier was included in the packet. City Manager Allison Williams requested Council submit any local priorities to her for inclusion to the City’s Legislative Priorities to be presented for adoption next month.

Governor’s COVID Emergency Order

State mandates placed on local jurisdictions during the COVID -19 pandemic will end on October 31. City Manager Allison Williams recommended, and Council accepted, to continue to offer remote access to all public meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated September 27, 2022, and October 4, 2022
 - b. Claim Checks 157893 – 158112 in the amount of \$2,720,634.39; Payroll Checks 64773 through 64778 in the amount of \$5,033.41; and Electronic Payments in the amount of \$524,650.12.
 - c. Police Extra-Duty Contract- Leavenworth Oktoberfest

d. Open Doors Sleep Center Security Contract

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

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Council Rules MLMC 2.08 Ordinance 3014

Council requested staff to draft an amendment to remove two years of service on Council for eligibility to be appointed Mayor or Deputy Mayor on September 27. The appointment will be effective five days after publication of the ordinance summary.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 3014 with maintaining a two-year prerequisite for the Mayor, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 1, Council member Eck opposed.

#3 Appoint Deputy Mayor

Council Member Fancher nominated Council Member Martinez. No other nominations were made.

Action taken: Council Member Martinez was elected Deputy Mayor by a majority vote.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

General Business

Elisia Dalluge, Moses Lake, provided Council with updates on several of her civic projects.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Letters of Support

There were two letters of support included in the packet. One for Grant County Conservation District's Water Quality Combined Funding Program proposal for: Restoration of Riparian Zones and Critical Areas within the Moses Lake Watershed. The other for Connell Rail Interchange Project funding in Washington State Department of Transportation biennium budget 2023-25.

Taishin Group Appreciation Letter

The City received a letter from the Taishin Group expressing their appreciation of hospitality they received during their recent visit in which they rekindled relations with the members of their International Exchange Program.

Larson Recreation Center Update

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Recreation Superintendent Carrie Hoiness reported that permanent power was being installed today and that we plan to have an occupancy permit by October 31. The building will be open to the public by mid-November with no purchased pass required for non-spectators until December 1. They are hosting the Chamber of Commerce after hours event on January 3. A ribbon cutting event will be scheduled prior to opening to the public.

Food Truck Plaza Update

Council requested staff look at options to implement the plaza in phases since some of the materials and supplies are on backorder.

Municipal Services Director Interviews

Two final candidates will interview on November 1. Council Member Swartz and Martinez volunteered to participate in the interviews. The full Council will be invited to a public meet and greet following the interviews.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Interim Director Interviews

Two staff were interviewed to fill the interim position when current director Susan Schwiesow retires this month. Mrs. Schwiesow will receive recognition of service will take place at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Swartz, Mayor Myers, and City Manager Allison Williams commended staff on the hard work and success of the virtual celebration to commemorate our 40th Anniversary with Sister City Yonezawa Japan.

Council Member Madewell attended her first meeting of the Grant County Solid Waste Advisory Committee on October 6. The meeting lasted two hours and was interesting!

Council Member Fancher attended the Moses Lake Economic Development Coordinating Committee (MLEDC) meeting on September 29. The discussion focused on common solutions.

Council Member Martinez commented that the Hispanic Heritage Proclamation was a testament to her late father and her service as a Council Member.

Mayor Myers also attended the MLEDC meeting and added that they discussed workforce and labor shortages. He also requested staff look into having representation from the Bureau of Reclamation at the MLEDC meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to be held for 40 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (b) and (g) to discuss acquisition of real estate and performance of public employee with Council and the City Attorney in attendance, City Manager Allison Williams participated in the real estate acquisition discussion. There were two 15-minute extensions.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.




Don Myers, Mayor

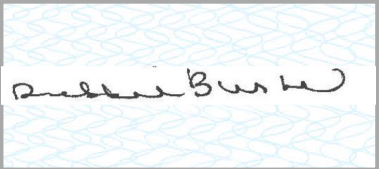
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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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