

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
January 24, 2012

Council Present: Bill Ecret, Jon Lane, Dick Deane , Karen Liebrecht, Jason Avila, and Brent Reese Absent: David Curnel

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Ecret.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Deane led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Fire Department: Kerri Fenner, Fire Clerk, Chris Mortensen, Firefighter/Paramedic, and Matthew Borschowa, Firefighter, Paramedic was introduced to the Council.

Police Department: Tyson Sheats and Kevin Hake, Police Officers, were introduced to the Council.

Engineering: Wayne Ostler, Engineering Tech, was introduced to the Council.

Public Works: Cecil Howard, Lead Operator, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Norman Lane, Lead Janitor, and Victoria Robert, Janitor, were introduced to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the January 10 and January 12 meetings were presented for approval.

Approval of Claims, Prepaid Claims, Checks, and Payroll: Vouchers audited and certified by the Finance Director as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims, certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Council for approval and is retained for public inspection at city hall. As of January 24, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount \$799,064.87; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$52,069.60 and \$109,221.89; claim checks in the amount of \$1,813,432.35; and payroll in the amount of \$314,556.09.

Resolution - Accept Easement - Maiers Industrial Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Major Plat: A resolution was presented which accepts an easement from Maiers Enterprises, LLC for the extension of the water main on Wheeler Road.

Resolution - Accept Water and Sewer Improvements - Maiers Industrial Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Major Plat: A resolution was presented which accepts the water and sewer improvements on Wheeler Road.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

Harrison K. Dano Park Final Major Plat and Findings of Fact: The City of Moses Lake Municipal Services Department submitted a final plat for 4.48 acres located adjacent to Virginia Street, east of Paxson Drive, and north of Park Orchard Elementary. The site is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential. The zoning corresponds with the underlying Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential. The final plat

is consistent with the preliminary plat. The Planning Commission recommended that the final plat be approved with conditions and the Findings of Fact be accepted.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the Harrison K. Dano Park Final Plat and Findings of Fact be approved, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES: None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 13.08 - WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which deletes the reimbursement requirement on the residential properties along Kinder Road between Miller Street and Stratford Road. These properties will be treated the same as the residents who were provided sewer service in the Longview Sewer Construction Project.

The ordinance amending Chapter 13.08 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Water and Sewer Connections" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - CREATE CHAPTER 13.05 - WASTEWATER REGULATIONS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which creates Moses Lake Municipal Code 13.05 entitled "Wastewater Regulations" which takes the place of Moses Lake Municipal Code 13.04 entitled "Sewer Regulations". The purpose of the change is to update the nomenclature and streamline the verbiage to make this chapter more efficient for the public and staff.

The ordinance creating Chapter 13.05 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Wastewater Regulations" was read by title only.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, explained the changes.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the first reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT: A resolution was presented which authorizes the City Manager to sign the documents with CalFirst National Bank for the lease/purchase agreement.

The resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master equipment lease/purchase agreement, and related instruments, and determining other matters in connection therewith was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

## REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

### 2012 CRACK SEAL PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2012 Crack Seal Project. This project includes sealing approximately 430,000' of cracks on streets, bike paths, and parking lots throughout the City.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that staff be authorized to call for bids, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

## REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS

### AMTGARD CHAPTER OF STORMHAVEN - BLUE HERON PARK

The Parks and Recommendation recommended that the Amtgard Chapter of Stormhaven, a Medieval Re-enactment Society, be allowed to hold their 12<sup>th</sup> annual 1,000 Star Campout in Blue Heron Park. They are requesting overnight camping and alcohol during the event.

There was considerable discussion by the Council and additional information was requested.

## OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

### BURKE MARKETING/PROMOTIONS

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the agreements with Burke Marketing/Promotions for the promotion of tourism in the City of Moses Lake.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contracts, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

## NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

### AMERICAN LEGION

George Doles, Vice Commander, American Legion Post, mentioned that there will be a military honors funeral service on Tuesday, January 31 1t 1 p.m. in McCosh Park to honor 33 local veterans who passed away in 2011. He explained what would take place and invited the Council and public to the ceremony. He also mentioned that there will be a POW/MIA Remembrance Day on Saturday, September 15, 2012 in McCosh Park.

## COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

### GRANT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Mr. Deane provided information on the activities and ridership of the Grant Transit Authority.

## CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

### CRIME STATISTICS

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided the crime statistics comparing 2009, 2010, and

2011.

Dean Mitchell, Police Chief, explained that the grants the Council has approved for additional police officers contribute to the lower crime rate.

#### DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided an updated schedule for department presentations. The Council should submit any questions for the Finance Department, which will then be answered at the next Council meeting.

#### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the last quarterly report for 2011 has been placed on the website.

#### GAMBLING REPORT

The city received \$69,284.37 in gambling tax income for the fourth quarter of 2011.

#### INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$20,485.22 in investment income for December 2011.

#### SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$406,648.97 in sales tax and \$37,670.80 in transient rental income in December 2011.

#### SNOW REMOVAL

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the City had sent out the contracted snow plows to clear the residential streets. The work was completed in about 2 days. He also distributed a flyer that was distributed mainly in the commercial areas which reminded the property owners that it is their responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

#### WASHINGTON SURVEY AND RATING BUREAU

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau recently evaluated the Fire Department and lowered the City's rating from a 5 to a 4, which will translate into lower insurance premiums for the commercial property owners.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST

---

Bill Ecret, Mayor

---

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director