

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
July 28, 2015

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Voth led the Council in the flag salute.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

SERVICE AWARDS

A Years of Service pin for 25 years of service with the City was given to Spencer Grigg. A Years of Service pin for 20 years of service with the City was given to Jay Morice. A Years of Service pin for 10 years of service with the City was given to Alan Barrowman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the July 14 and July 20 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 the Civic Center. As of July 28, 2015 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$434,052.71; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$171,997.41 and \$4,492.25; claim checks in the amount of \$1,121,996.64; and payroll in the amount of \$401,783.66.

Resolution - Abandon Easement - Port of Moses Lake: A resolution was presented which abandons an easement at the request of the Port of Moses Lake for the new Aerotec hanger.

Resolution - Accept Improvements - Carlile Development Major Plat: A resolution was presented which accepts the municipal improvements on Randolph Road related to the Carlile Development Major Plat .

Accept Work - 2015 Larson Water Improvement Project: Advanced Excavation, Inc. has completed the Larson Water Improvement Project - 2015. The work should be accepted and the 60-day lien period entered into.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Deane requested Council confirmation of the appointment of Don Schmig to the Planning Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the appointment of Don Schmig be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Deane requested Council confirmation of the appointment of David Estudillo to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the appointment of David Estudillo be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

TOURISM COMMISSION

Mayor Deane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Beverly Shuford and Lisa Garmon to the Tourism Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the re-appointment of Beverly Shuford and Lisa Garmon be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - NonePETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - NoneORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 16.52 - INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which provides for local flexibility with the requirement of fire sprinklers systems for a Group 4 occupancy. The proposed amendment would assure that the City can still provide adequate coverage in certain scenarios if attic fire sprinkler systems are exempt from installation.

The ordinance amending Chapter 16.52 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Installation and Maintenance of Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 17.42 - BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which requires the proponent of a boundary line adjustment to pay the Grant County recording fees.

The ordinance amending Chapter 17.42 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Boundary Line Adjustments" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - VACATE RIGHT-OF-WAY - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

In 2014 Francis Grant submitted a petition to vacate the right-of-way on Lot 6, Replat of Lots 8 and 10, Block 4, Moses Lake Industrial Park Plat. At the June 23, 2015 Council meeting, the property owner's representative objected to the amount requested as compensation for the vacated area. The Council agreed that the price established by staff should be changed to reflect the purchase price of the lot.

An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2718 and vacating a portion of right-of-way was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - 404 DALE AND 1126 CASCADE

Resolutions were presented which provide for the abatement of nuisances at 404 Dale, owned by Jeremy Blackwell, and 1126 Cascade, owned by Jeremiah Strzelczyk and Stephanie Sieloff.

Clair Harden, Code Enforcement Officer, was sworn in and provided testimony concerning the nuisance violations.

There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed.

The resolution determining that Jeremy Blackwell is the owner of certain real property within the City; that a nuisance requiring abatement by City forces or forces contracted by the City exists on such property; and directing the use of such forces to abate the nuisance found was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the resolution concerning 404 Dale be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

The resolution determining that Jeremiah Strzelczyk and Stephanie Sieloff are the owners of certain real property within the City; that a nuisance requiring abatement by City forces or forces contracted by the City exists on such property; and directing the use of such forces to abate the nuisance found was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the resolution concerning 1126 Cascade be adopted, seconded by Mr. Voth, and passed unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - 1208 ALDERWOOD

A resolution was presented which provides for the abatement of nuisances at 1208 Alderwood, owned by Conrad Zavala.

Rick Rodriguez, Code Enforcement Officer, was sworn in and provided testimony concerning the nuisance violations.

There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed.

The resolution determining that Conrad Rodriguez is the owner of certain real property within the City; that a nuisance requiring abatement by City forces or forces contracted by the City exists on such property; and directing the use of such forces to abate the nuisance found was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the resolution concerning 1208 Alderwood be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

#### REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

##### STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2015 Storm Drainage Project. This project includes the construction of a stormwater retention pond, a grassy swale, a drywell at five locations and replacement of eight storm drain manhole castings. Additive 1 is included in the bid to allow the installation of drywells at two locations if bids are favorable.

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

#### REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

#### OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

The final Shoreline Master Program comments were provided.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, gave the background on the draft Shoreline Master Program and mentioned that staff has drafted a response to the comments received during the Washington State Department of Ecology notice period for the Shoreline Master Program.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the staff responses be accepted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

LEAH MAJOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - EXTENSION

Columbia Northwest Engineering, representing the Leah Major Plat, requested an extension of the preliminary plat approval.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that there would be no impacts if the request is granted for the one year extension of the preliminary plat approval.

Phil Bloom, Columbia Northwest Engineering, gave the background on the plat.

Wayne Morgan, 1400 Nelson Road, owner of the property, stated that he purchased the property about a year ago and just needs some additional time to complete the plat.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the request for an extension of the preliminary plat approval be granted, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSCHICKENS

Laura Lutz, 714 S. Barbara, stated that she would like to see chickens allowed inside the City limits and provided her reasons why.

There was some discussion and staff was requested to research the number of chicken complaints the City has received.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSFIRE DEPARTMENT - OUT OF TOWN TRANSPORTS

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that staff is negotiating with American Medical Response (AMR) to cover out-of-town transports but has not yet received a final draft of the contract.

Mr. Lane requested staff to investigate what the department would look like if the ambulance service were to be contracted out and suggested a cost-of-service study be done. He pointed out that the City has a history of eliminating a service if a private entity could do it and that also needs to be investigated.

Mr. Alvarado stated that staff has contacted several firms that would study how the Fire Department works both operationally and fiscally. He provided information on the out-of-town transports for city and non-city residents.

GARAGE AND YARD SALE FREQUENCY

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that staff has provided to the Council the draft regulations for control of garage and yard sales.

There was some discussion and it was suggested that the regulations target the person who has multiple yard sales rather than yard sales as a whole.

PROJECTS UPDATE

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, provided an update of the current projects within the City.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, provided information showing the number of tournaments that were held at the Larson Playfield and the Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex. Studies show that 316 teams would bring in about \$2,000,000 to the community as a result of the tournaments. He mentioned that the lights no longer work on 1/3 of the fields so the City could potentially have had more tournaments this year. It would

take between \$350,000 and \$600,000 to repair all the lights. He also pointed out that the aquatic center is 20 years old and maintenance costs are rising due to the need to upgrade the heaters and mechanical facilities.

### ICE RINK

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that staff is reviewing the possibility of opening the ice skating rink.

Ty Howard, Hockey Association, stated that they are willing to work with the City to re-open the ice skating rink. He provided some figures on what funds the use of the ice rink would bring in.

Debbie Talbot, 227 Gladys Lane, pointed out that another source of revenue if the ice skating rink were to be opened would be to charge for public skating.

Elisia Dalluge, 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apt. 18, felt that activities are important for the youth as it will deter them from getting into mischief.

Council directed staff to continue the effort to open the ice skating rink.

### BUDGET

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, provided a letter to the Grant County Assessor concerning the error in the assessed valuation of the City and requesting information on how those omitted industrial and commercial projects would be included in the next assessment year. He also provided information on the amount of new construction that was included and the amount that should have been included by the county. He pointed out that because the county failed to include the new construction for Moses Lake, the City was short about \$180,000. That lost revenue probably cannot be made up because it was not collected by the county but the City is interested in seeing the County's system changed so that this loss of revenue does not happen again.

### INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$17,363.02 in investment income for June 2015.

### GAMBLING TAX

The City received \$69,049.10 from gambling tax for the second quarter of 2015.

### SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$467,450.30 in sales tax and \$41,878.80 in transient rental income in June.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m. and the Council met in a 10 minute executive session with the City Attorney to discuss labor relations. The executive session was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST

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Dick Deane, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director