

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
August 11, 2015

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

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

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

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jack Simpson, Firefighter/Paramedic was introduced to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the July 28 meeting 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 August 11, 2015 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$685,601.33; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$77,912.79 and \$32,298.70; claim checks in the amount of \$875,380.49; and payroll in the amounts of \$369,962.97 and \$3,712.50.

Resolution - Set Public Hearing - Right-of-Way Vacation: A resolution was presented which sets a public hearing on the vacation of a right-of-way on Lot 7 Replat of Lots 8 and 10, Block 4, Moses Lake Industrial Park Plat.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION - SIX YEAR STREET PLAN - PUBLIC HEARING

A resolution was presented which adopts the amended Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

The resolution to amend Resolution 3459 Transportation Improvement Program for 2016-2021 was read by title only.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Mr. Voth, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

BUDGET

A letter from Grant County Assessor Melissa McKnight was read concerning the taxation of the omitted property from last year's tax roles. The best solution for the cities is to add the new construction this year which will give the taxing district the growth over the one percent allowed.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, explained the situation as it relates to the City's budget.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - FRIENDS OF THE MOSES LAKE DOG PARK

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$2,000 donation from the Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park. The funds are to be used to establish water service at the site which is located on the southeast corner of Paxson Drive and Central Drive.

The resolution accepting a cash donation of \$2,000 from Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - 521 PENNSYLVANIA

A resolution was presented which provides for the abatement of nuisances at 521 Pennsylvania, owned by Edwin & Linda Sieffert.

The resolution determining that Edwin G. and Linda Marie Sieffert 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.

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

There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS - 2404 LAKESIDE - VONA GIBSON ESTATE

A resolution was presented which affirms the Council's prior authorization to staff to collect the funds expended for the nuisance abatement at 2404 Lakeside, owned by the Vona Gibson Estate.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Vona Gibson Estate as the owner of certain real property upon which the City caused abatement of a nuisance to be performed after a failure of the property owner to abate the same was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONSDESERT GOLF LLC SHORT PLAT - DEVIATION AND DEFERRAL

Western Pacific Engineering, on behalf of Desert Golf LLC, submitted a request to defer street and utility improvements and to deviate from lot design standards for a proposed one lot short plat located at the intersection of Road F.2 and Fairway Drive. The Planning Commission recommended that the deviations and deferrals be granted.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request for deviations and deferrals be granted with the stipulation that a covenant be required, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONWATER/SEWER SERVICE - GUY

Robert and Ron Guy requested permission to connect Lot 1, Guy's Westshore Short Plat, located at 2750 Westshore Drive to the City's water and sewer system without annexing the property to the City. The property is more than one half mile from the City's limits.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request for City services be granted with the stipulation that an Extra Territorial Utility Agreement be required, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

ICE RINK

Ty Howard, Hockey Association, presented a proposal to open the ice rink for the 2015-16 season.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, explained the different possibilities for opening the ice rink for the upcoming season.

There was considerable discussion.

Ty Howard, 1032 Skyline Drive, explained the proposed admission fees and the fees to the hockey associations.

There was additional discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the City open the ice rink with the Youth Hockey Association paying \$100 and the Adult Hockey Association paying \$115, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the City open the ice rink to the public with an admission fee of \$3, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Mr. Lane opposed as they felt the open skate should be free.

it was requested that staff provide costs for the operation of the ice rink for this season.

There was discussion on the rate for out-of-town hockey club users.

Jacob Shank, 2132 Neppel Street, stated that the youth hockey really enjoy playing on the outside rink and it could be booked every weekend.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that out-of-town hockey teams were charged \$170 to \$175 per hour for use of the rink.

There was some discussion on the amount to charge the out-of-town hockey teams.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the out-of-town rink use by other hockey leagues be assessed at \$275 per hour, seconded by Mr. Voth, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCOUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSFIRE DEPARTMENT

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that staff is negotiating with American Medical Response (AMR) to cover non-emergent out-of-town transports but has not yet received a final draft of the contract for services. He reported that a cost-of-service study is required in order to establish the ambulance utility fee and that the cost-of-service should be done by an outside source. He also mentioned that staff had been requested to

provide information on how the Fire Department would look without the ambulance service and that information will be provided at a later date.

Mr. Ecret felt that the Fire Department is stretched too thin with the out-of-town transports and that the lives of the citizens as well as the Fire Department personal are at risk. He felt that an agreement with AMR on the out-of-town transports service needs to be reached within the next 7 days.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that if no agreement with an outside carrier for the out-of-town transports is signed within 7 days that the out-of-town transports be suspended, seconded by Mr. Voth.

Mr. Lane requested some clarification on the operation of the Fire Department at the present time.

Brett Bastian, Acting Fire Chief, explained how the Department is handling the out-of-town transports.

There was some discussion and it was pointed out that out-of-town transports will have to be provided by some entity.

The motion passed with Mayor Deane opposed.

MOSES LAKE URBAN GROWTH AREA

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that the Council had been in support of an amendment to the Grant County Comprehensive Plan for the inclusion of School District property on Stratford Road near Harris Road. The Grant County Planning Commission has recommended that the request to include the property be denied and the Department of Commerce was in agreement with the denial for a number of reasons.

AMBULANCE REPORT

The cash report on the ambulance operations for the month of July was provided.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The July Building Activity Report was provided.

Mr. Voth was concerned about the need for an on-staff building inspector because of all the new construction.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that the cost for the contracted building inspector is covered by the building permit fees at this time. If the Council is concerned about an on-staff building inspector, the position can be included in next year's budget.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$466,949.89 in sales tax and \$53,628.12 in transient rental income in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 9:12 p.m. and the Council met in a 10 minute executive session with the City Attorney to discuss potential litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

ATTEST

Dick Deane, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director