

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2015

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: James Dorman, Troop 69, led the Council in the flag salute.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

BOY SCOUTS

Caleb Sagett, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 69, stated that they are in attendance to complete an advancement requirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the September 10 special meeting were presented for approval.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 22 meeting were presented for approval.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 1 and October 2 special 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 October 13, 2015 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$815,745.41; prepaid claims in the amount of \$67,593.83, \$8,813.79, and \$16,299.16; claim checks in the amount of \$1,239,555.50; and payroll in the amounts of \$309,753.45, \$2,258.28, and \$309,692.40.

Resolution - Accept Easement - Crossroads North Phase I Major Plat: A resolution was presented which accepts a municipal easement from Hayden Homes, LLC and Te Amo Rapido, LLC for Crossroads North Phase I Major Plat.

Resolution - Accept Improvements - Crossroads North Phase I Major Plat: A resolution was presented which accepts the improvements constructed as part of the Crossroad North phase I Major Plat.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is to be confirmed on a yearly basis. The current members include Debbie Doran-Martinez, Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Commission, Brenda Teals, Allied Arts, Friends of the Adam East Museum and Art Center, and Tourism Commission, Tim Molitor and Mayor Deane is the Chairman.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, pointed out that there is an opening on the committee which must be filled by someone from the hotel industry.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the current members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSREQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY - MOSES LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Moses Lake Business Association requested permission for the closure of City street for the Downtown Trick or Treat on Friday, October 31 and the Holiday Agricultural Appreciation Parade and Street Dance on December 4. The request is to close Third Avenue from Alder Street to Beech Street from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. on October 31 for Trick or Treat and the closure of Cedar, Third, Alder, and Fourth for the parade, and the use of the Surf n Slide Water Park parking lot for lineup and disbursement.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request be granted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCES - AMEND 5.06 AND 5.07 - LICENSING REGULATIONS AND ITINERANT VENDORS - 2ND READING

Ordinances were presented which amend Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 5.06, Licensing Regulations - Temporary Locations, and Chapter 5.07, Itinerant Merchants and Vendors. The changes will bring the regulations more into line with what is actually required of mobile vendors.

The ordinance amending Chapter 5.06 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Licensing Regulations - Temporary Locations" was read by title only.

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

The ordinance amending Chapter 5.07 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Itinerant Merchants and Vendors" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.57 - LANDSCAPING - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the landscaping regulations to encourage the use of drought tolerant plants and native and naturalized plant species as well as non-living items.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.57 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Landscaping" was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTIONS - NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS

Resolutions were presented which affirm the Council's prior authorization to staff to collect the funds expended for the nuisance abatements at 1046 S. Division, owned by Carlos Espinoza, 1208 Alderwood, owned by Conrad Zavala, 404 Dale, owned by Jeremy Blackwell, 1126 Cascade, owned by Jeremiah Strzelcyk and Stephanie Sieloff, and 521 Pennsylvania owned by Edwin Sieffert.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Carlos Espinoza 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. Ecret moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Conrad Zavala 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: Dr. Curnel moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Jeremiah Blackwell 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. Avila moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Jeremiah Strzelcyk and Stephanie Sieloff as the owners 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. Voth moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Edwin and Linda Sieffert as the owners 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: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - KITTLESON ROAD

A resolution was presented which provides for the abatement of nuisances on Kittleson Road, owned by Columbia Basin Investment Group.

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 Columbia Basin Investment Group 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. Ecret moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - COLUMBIA BASIN WALLEYE CLUB

A resolution was presented which accepts a donation of \$1,834.19 from the Columbia Basin Walleye Club. The funds will be used to maintain the Blue Heron Park Fishing Pier.

The resolution accepting a cash donation of \$1,834.19 from the Columbia Basin Walleye Club was read by title only.

Gary Main, Columbia Basin Walleye Club, gave some background on the fishing pier and presented the check to the City.

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

RESOLUTION - GREAT WASHINGTON SHAKEOUT

A resolution was presented which supports the City's participation in the Great Washington Shakeout "Drop Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill on October 15 at 10:15 a.m.

The resolution of intent to participate in the Great Washington Shakeout and Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

Mike Norman, 123 E. Ninth Avenue, felt that the new Council should be the one to hire the new manager because the new Council will be changed by at least one member and possibly three and will be the one to deal with the new city manager rather than the existing Council.

Mayor Deane pointed out that the Council has discussed whether the new Council should hire the new City Manager but it was felt that the City needs to move forward and the existing Council is aware of all the ramifications of the actions taken in the past.

Mrs. Liebrecht also pointed out that the existing Council has the background and experience in government to make the decision on a new city manager.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The September Building Activity Report was provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. and the Council met in a 30 minute executive session with the City Attorney under RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) to evaluate qualifications of applicants for public employment. At 8:15 p.m. the Council requested an additional 10 minute executive session. The executive session was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST

Dick Deane, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director