

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
November 24, 2015

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, led the Council in the flag salute.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

DOE - LARSON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - AWARD

Llyn Doremus, Department of Ecology, presented an award for outstanding performance to the City for perfect compliance with state regulations in 2014 for the Sand Dunes and Larson Wastewater Treatment Plants. She mentioned that it is very difficult for a wastewater treatment facility to earn this award and commended the employees that work in this division. She pointed out that the Larson Wastewater Treatment Plant has earned this award every year since 2008 and Sand Dunes has earned this award every year since 2010.

Community Development Department: Chris Bowen, Planning Permit Technician, was introduced to the Council.

Finance Department: Jynnifer Tarver, Utility Clerk, was introduced to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Poth II Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Mark Poth has submitted an application for a preliminary plat to subdivide 4.1 acres into 17 residential lots. The site is located north of Lower Peninsula Park and east of Peninsula Drive, between Pacific Street and Harborview Street. The site is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, which corresponds to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential. Deviations were requested for a dead-end street, non-rectangular lots, and connection to water and sewer for the lots that front Peninsula. The Planning Commission recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with conditions.

Resolution - Build on Unplatted Property - Penhallurick: A resolution was presented which allows Crab Creek, LLC to construct a mini-storage facility on unplatted property located behind Walmart.

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

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 November 24, 2015 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$513,327.49; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$15,035.09 and \$90,826.86; claim checks in the amount of \$1,949,344.10; and payroll in the amount of \$302,415.72.

Mr. Voth requested clarification on repayment of interfund loans and the professional services for the Redflex contract.

Pioneer Meadows Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Pioneer Meadows LLC has applied for a preliminary plat to subdivide 14.75 acres into two lots for future development. Deviations were requested to street construction standards and a waiver of the requirement to extend Ninth Avenue to Pioneer Way. A waiver or deferral of water and sewer improvements in Pioneer Way is also required. The site is located west of Pioneer Way, north of Ninth Avenue, east of Division Street, and south of Three Ponds. The area is zoned R-3, Multi-Family Residential at the south end and C-2, General Commercial at the north end. The Planning Commission recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with conditions.

Mr. Voth questioned the deferral of the improvements for the plat.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, stated that since the request was for a waiver the deferral language should have been removed from the cover letter.

Action taken: Mr. Voth moved that the claims, Prepaid Claims, Checks, and Payroll and the Pioneer Meadows Major 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

TRAFFIC - THOMASON

Don Thomason, 251 N. Earl, provided information on the problems of speeding cars on Earl Road and the lack of response by the City staff.

Dave Ruffin, Police Chief, explained the steps taken by the City to address the issue.

ORDINANCE - 2016 BUDGET - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was presented which adopts the 2016 budget.

Gilbert Alvarado, Interim City Manager, pointed out that the budget as presented is not balanced since there is a deficit of over \$5,000,000. He mentioned that the Council cannot pass a budget that is not balanced, so the budget will have to be balanced prior to the final adoption of the ordinance.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the needs of the department.

Roland Gonzales, Recreation Supervisor, explained the problems with the heaters at the aquatic center.

Dave Ruffin, Police Chief, explained the needs of the department.

Brett Bastian, Acting Fire Chief, explained the needs of the department.

Debbie Doran-Martinez, Chamber of Commerce, was concerned that the hazmat fees being collected from the industrial entities are being placed in the General Fund and wanted to know who would pay for the clean up of any hazardous incidents; felt that the lighting of the ballfields should be a priority as the lack of tournaments impacts the city's revenue from hotels, restaurants, etc.; and requested the City maintain the Chamber funding.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

The ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington for the year of 2016 was read by title only.

Mr. Alvarado reminded the Council that this budget cannot be adopted because it is not a balanced budget and that there are some revenue possibilities that will be provided to the Council as well as some possible reductions in services to help balance the budget prior to the next meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - GRANT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$15,000 donation from the Grant Transit Authority for the bus turnout constructed as part of the Stratford Road Sidewalk Project - 2015.

The resolution accepting a donation from Grant Transit Authority was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

GAMBLING TAX

The City received \$64,534.29 from gambling tax for the third quarter of 2015.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$19,003.64 in investment income for October 2015.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$475,368.14 in sales tax and \$58,738.90 in transient rental income in October.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST

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Dick Deane, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director