

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2016

Council Present: Bill Ecret, Karen Liebrecht, Todd Voth, David Curnel, Don Myers, Mike Norman, and Ryann Leonard

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Karen Liebrecht.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Norman led the Council in the flag salute.

OATH OF OFFICE

New Council members Don Myers, Mike Norman, and Ryann Leonard were sworn in.

ELECTION OF MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that a Mayor Pro Tem be selected for the selection of a Mayor, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

Mr. Voth nominated Mr. Ecret as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Mrs. Leonard and passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

Action Taken: Mrs. Leonard moved that the previous resolution on the process for selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be reviewed, seconded by Mr. Norman.

Mrs. Liebrecht wanted to know what issues need to be reviewed.

Mrs. Leonard felt there was a conflict between the process in the resolution and state law.

The motion passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

Mrs. Leonard pointed out that the existing resolution does not address how to deal with multiple nominations where seniority is equal and also felt that a minimum experience clause should be included and that the provision that a Council member can only be elected once as Mayor be eliminated.

Action Taken: Mrs. Leonard moved that Resolution 3584 be rescinded, seconded by Mr. Norman.

Mrs. Liebrecht felt that after a Council member who has been the Mayor becomes a better Council member and is more approachable. She also felt that if one person remains Mayor for a considerable time, the perception of his or her position changes in the minds of the citizens. She pointed out that the Mayor runs the meeting, sets the agenda, and makes public appearances and there is no power involved. She was not in favor of rescinding the portion of the resolution that sets the rotation of the Mayor.

The motion passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

Action Taken: Mrs. Leonard moved that the proposed resolution provided be amended to delete Recital 1 and Resolved 1 and 4 and that the vote be taken by ballot and that the ballots be read, seconded by Mr. Myers.

There was considerable discussion on the process.

Action Taken: The motion passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

Nominations for Mayor

Dr. Curnel nominated Mrs. Liebrecht for Mayor.

Mr. Norman nominated Mr. Voth for Mayor

The nominations were closed.

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director read the ballots and Mr. Voth was elected Mayor.

For Mr. Voth - Mr. Norman, Mr. Ecret, Mrs. Leonard, and Mr. Voth
For Mrs. Liebrecht - Dr. Curnel, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Liebrecht

Mr. Voth was sworn in as Mayor.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

Mrs. Liebrecht nominated Dr. Curnel for Deputy Mayor.

Mrs. Leonard nominated Mrs. Liebrecht for Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Voth nominated Mr. Ecret as Deputy Mayor.

The nominations were closed.

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director read the ballots and Mrs. Liebrecht was elected Deputy Mayor.

For Mrs. Liebrecht - Mr. Myers, Mrs. Leonard, and Dr. Curnel
For Mr. Ecret - Mr. Ecret and Mr. Voth, and Mr. Norman
For Dr. Curnel - Mrs. Liebrecht

There was no majority vote for Deputy Mayor and a second vote was required.

Mrs. Liebrecht was elected Deputy Mayor.

For Mrs. Liebrecht - Mr. Myers, Mrs. Leonard, Dr. Curnel, Mr. Norman
For Mr. Ecret - Mr. Ecret and Mr. Voth
For Dr. Curnel - Mrs. Liebrecht

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Bruce Bailey, Moses Lake Farmer's Market, stated that they raised the funds for the 2015 fireworks display and would like to again sponsor the 2016 fireworks display. He suggested that the fireworks display take place on Saturday, July 2 and that it include food and a concert. He stated that they would like to create a destination style fireworks display, which would cost about \$25,000, that would draw in more people.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff work with the Farmer's Market on the 4th of July fireworks display.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the December 22 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 January 12, 2016 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$680,732.18; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$136,008.84, \$561,151.77, and \$14,482.87; claim checks in the amount of \$1,878,172.35; and payroll in the amounts of \$4,356.75 and \$303,159.07.

Water Efficiency Goals: It was recommended that a public hearing be set for January 26, 2016 for public input on establishing the City's water efficiency goals.

Industrial Zones: It was recommended that a public hearing be set for January 26 to consider a amendment to the Heavy Industrial Zone to allow surface mining.

Resolution - Accept Easement - Bernhardt: A resolution was presented which accepts an easement from William, Deena, and Scott Bernhardt for an activity trail adjacent to Lots 10 - 14, Bernhardt Major Plat.

Sun Terrace Major Plats 2 and 4 - Alterations: Aho Construction submitted requests to alter the approved Sun Terrace No. 2 and No. 4 Preliminary Plats by moving the boundary between the two plats one hundred feet (11') north, moving the west boundary of No. 2 one hundred feet west, increase No. 2 from 25 to 32 lots; reduce No. 4 from 41 to 28 lots, change lot sizes; and increase the size of the public park.

Action Taken: Mrs. Leonard moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 2015 BUDGET - 2ND READING

An ordinance amending the 2015 budget was presented.

The ordinance amending the 2015 budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington, was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - TAX LEVY - SINGLE READING

An ordinance fixing the estimated amount to be received fro municipal purposes from taxations on assessed valuations on property within the City of Moses Lake, Washington for 2016 was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Norman moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - WALMART

A resolution was presented which accepts \$2,500 from Walmart for fire prevention activities.

The resolution accepting a donation to the Moses Lake Fire Department was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - FRIENDS OF THE MOSES LAKE DOG PARK

A resolution was presented which accepts \$2,000 from the Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park. The funds will be used for the purchase of benches, picnic tables, and kiosks for the Moses Lake Dog Park.

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

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

DISABILITY BOARD - APPOINTMENT

Two members of the City Council serve on the Moses Lake LEOFF 1 Disability Board. These are two year terms and one of the positions is now vacant. The term would expire on June 30, 2017.

Action Taken: Mr. Norman moved that Mrs. Leonard be appointed to the Moses Lake LEOFF 1 Disability Board, seconded by Mr. Myers, and passed unanimously.

GRANT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Grant Transit Authority requested the appointment of a representative from the City Council to serve on their Board of Directors for the year 2016.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that Mr. Myers be appointed to serve on the Board, seconded by Mr. Norman, and passed unanimously.

ANNEXATION - NORTHWEST UNITED PROPERTIES

Northwest United Properties submitted a Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation and a Petition for Annexation to include a portion of Farm Unit 124, Irrigation Block 41 in the City's limits. In October the Council granted permission for hunting of geese within the City's limits due to the damage they were causing to the crop on property within the City's limits.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, recommended that the Council receipt and accept the Notice on Intent and accept the Petition.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation be receipted and accepted and the Petition for Annexation be accepted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

STUDY SESSIONS

John Williams, City Manager, stated that study sessions need to be set to discuss the Governance Manual and set some priorities and goals and to work on the budget.

There was some discussion on dates for study sessions.

It was the consensus of the Council that a study session be set for January 19 at 6 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. and the Council met in a 15 minute executive session with the City Attorney under RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) and (I) to discuss potential litigation and to review the performance of a public employee and with potential action to follow.

The executive session was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

An amendment to the employment agreement with the City Manager was presented. The amendment would waive the requirement that the City Manager reside within the city limits.

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST

Todd Voth, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director