

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Voth in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington.

Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero called the roll. The following were:

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS - None

SUMMARY REPORTS

CERTIFICATION OF ACHIEVEMENT - CULINARY ARTS

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to members of the 2016 Washington State Leadership and Skills Conference - Culinary Arts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the April 26 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 May 10, 2016 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$704,979.24; prepaid claims in the amount of \$16,478.98; claim checks in the amount of \$566,544.37; and payroll in the amounts of \$4,019.71 and \$310,798.10.

Resolution - Set Public Hearing - Vacate Right-of-Way: A resolution was presented which sets a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of Blanchet Drive.

Accept Work - 2015 Storm Drainage Project: Cutting Edge Earthworks has completed the 2015 Storm Drainage project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Accept Work - 2015 Sewer Generator Project: Farmer's Electric, Inc. has completed the 2015 Sewer Generator Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

2016 Seal Coat Project - Night Work: Central Washington Asphalt requested permission to work between the hours of 10 p.m and 7 a.m. in order to work on sections of Pioneer Way, Wheeler Road, and Division Street.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT - PLANNED ACTION - 2ND PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which establishes a Planned Action for the Grant County International Airport Employment Center pursuant to the Washington State Environmental Policy Act. The Planned Action Ordinance is part of the \$400,000 grant awarded by the Washington State Department of Commerce Advanced Planning Grant Program.

The ordinance establishing a planned action for the Grant County International Airport (GCIA) Employment Center, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 13.05 - WASTEWATER REGULATIONS - 2ND PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which amends the wastewater regulations by increasing the color limit for industrial process water, adding an appeal process, and defining the ownership of flow meters.

The ordinance amending Chapter 13.05 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Wastewater Regulations" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - CREATE 2.39 - LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2ND PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which creates the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and repeals Resolution 2065 which originally established the Committee.

The ordinance creating Chapter 2.39 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and replacing and repealing Resolution 2065 was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 2.44 - PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 2ND PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which amends the Park and Recreation Commission by establishing realistic function and duties for the Commission.

The ordinance amending Chapter 2.44 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Park and Recreation Commission" was read by title only.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 16.02 - BUILDING PERMITS - 1ST PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which amends the regulations concerning building permits on unplatted property by increasing the approval period from 30 days to six months.

The ordinance amending Chapter 16.02 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Building Permits" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained the changes.

ORDINANCE - AMEND 3.62 - UTILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - 1ST PRESENTATION

An ordinance was presented which amends Chapter 3.62, Utility System Development Charges, by increasing the rates.

The ordinance amending Chapter 3.62 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Utility System Development Charges" was read by title only.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, explained the changes.

CONCESSIONS

The Smoothery, a real fruit smoothie concessionaire, requested permission to vend at the "Rattler Roundup" Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament on May 21 and 22. The Smoothery was invited to participate by the tournament organizers.

Steven Ethington, operator of Papa Johns, stated that they were also requested to be at the tournament but were unsure of the process but would like permission to vend at this event and future events.

It was pointed out that the City no longer operates any of the concession stands.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the Smoothery and Papa Johns be granted permission to provide concessions at the softball tournament on May 21 and 22 with the stipulation that all requirements of the Parks and Recreation Department are met and that 15% of the profits are remitted to the City, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and passed unanimously.

DESIGN STANDARDS

Chuck Perry, 4204 Lakeshore, was concerned that more strict regulations on designs, color, signs, etc. would discourage businesses from locating in Moses Lake. He did feel that a clean and neat city is important and suggested using a positive approach to cleaning up the vacant lots, etc.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - none

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION - APPEALS

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained the current appeal process and mentioned that some changes need to be made to perhaps involve the Hearing Examiner. He mentioned that there would be a budgetary component with regard to an expanded role of a Hearing Examiner.

There was some discussion by the Council and it was the consensus that the staff investigate the possibility of an expanded role for the Hearing Examiner.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

WARMING CENTER

Sheila Chilson, Homeless Task Force Warming Center, reported on the purpose of the Task Force and the warming center that operated in January and February in Moses Lake.

There were some comments from the Council concerning the homeless population and the services that are provided in Grant County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:26 p.m. and the Council met in a 10 minute executive session with the City Attorney under RCW 42.30.110(g) to discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment and to review the performance of a public employee.

The executive session was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST

Todd Voth, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director