

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
March 27, 2012

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kodi Kowallis, Boy Scout 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Troop 97, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13 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 March 27, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount \$269,827.89; prepaid claims in the amount of \$24,616.72; claim checks in the amount of \$1,362,068.03; and payroll in the amount of \$339,760.

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

Accept Work - Tree Replacement Project: McKean Concrete and Construction , Inc. has completed the 2011 Tree Replacement Project. The work should be accepted and the 60-day lien period entered into.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the work be accepted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES

CASCADE AND BLUE HERON PARKS - RESTROOM PROJECT

The City received four bids for the 2012 Cascade and Blue Heron Park Restroom Project. The project consists of demolishing two existing restrooms, relocating the utility lines and conduits, and preparing a gravel pad for the placement of two prefabricated concrete restrooms.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the bid be awarded to Central Washington Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$68,182, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOSES LAKE SPRING FESTIVAL

Teri McCurry, President, Moses Lake Spring Festival, stated that they would like to include a family dance at the tennis courts on Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m with a live band and private security.

Sean Sallis, Moses Lake Spring Festival, stated that the basketball three on three event had to turn away teams last year due to lack of space. In order to provide additional space for the event they are requesting the closure of Third Avenue between Ash and Balsam beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday and keeping the street closed until after the parade on Saturday evening.

Ms. McCurry stated that they have hired private security to work the parade and requested a police car at the beginning and end of the parade. She mentioned that some of the lights in the park are not working and a few electrical outlets are not working. She also would like the City's \$2,000 contribution to be increased. She mentioned that the Spring Festival Committee would like more help from the city due to rising costs of garbage costs, porta potties, electrical permits, etc.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, explained the use of the hotel/motel funds, which is what is used by the Spring Festival.

There was some discussion and it was recommended that the Spring Festival Committee discuss the issues with staff.

#### MOSES LAKE FARMERS' MARKET - SIGNS

The Moses Lake Farmers' Market requested permission to place signs advertising the Farmers' Market around the downtown area.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, pointed out that the request does not include the number or location of the requested signs.

Mr. Reese felt that the Council should not take any action on the request without knowing the number of location of the signs.

Karin McClaren, 1217 W. Ivy, stated that they will determine the number and location of the signs and provide the information to the City.

#### LIONESSE CLUB - SIGNS

The Lioness Club requested permission to place signs advertising the opening of their Spaceburger Booth on April 20 through April 22. Two sandwich board signs will be placed at the corner of Central and Valley and Stratford and Valley and the banner sign will be located at the corner of Broadway and Alder.

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

#### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

##### ORDINANCE - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which would allow small retail establishments in the Heavy Industrial Zone.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.40 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Heavy Industrial" was read by title only.

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

##### ORDINANCE - WATER/SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which amends Chapter 13.12, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates, by increasing the rates beginning May 1, 2012.

The ordinance amending Chapter 13.12 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates" was read by title only.

There was considerable discussion by the Council on whether or not eliminating the rate increase at this time would cause a problem in the affected funds and staff pointed out that without the increase some projects would have to be put on hold.

Staff provided background on the reasons for the annual increases.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the first reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and failed with Mr. Deane, Mr. Lane, and Mr. Ecret in favor, and Mrs. Liebrecht, Mr. Reese, Mr. Avila, and Dr. Curnel opposed.

##### ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.57 - LANDSCAPING - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which changes the landscape requirements to reduce the number of landscape alteration requests and addresses partially developed lots.

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

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the landscaping requirements due to the number of alterations that were being requested. He explained the changes proposed by the Commission.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.58 - SIGNS - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

An ordinance was submitted which amends the sign code to permit directional signs for a public facility with a maximum height of 8' and 35 square feet in area.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.58 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Signs" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the sign package requested by Samaritan Hospital is more effective than what is currently allowed in the sign code and so staff and the Planning Commission have recommended the changes to the sign regulations.

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

#### RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION

A resolution was presented which accepts a donation of 35 Streamlight Survivor LED flashlights with charges valued at \$2759 and 2 Mustang Ice Rescue Suits valued at \$1,435 for use in the Fire Department.

The resolution accepting the donation of Equipment from the Moses Lake Volunteer Firefighters Association 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

#### MANTA RAY SWIM TEAM - USE OF CITY PROPERTY

The Moses Lake Manta Ray Swim Team requested the use of the Surf 'N Slide Water Park for their annual swim meet on July 13, 14, and 15, 2012. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the request and recommended that it be approved and that overnight camping in McCosh Park be allowed.

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

#### OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

#### WESTERN FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the contract with Western Fireworks Display for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract, seconded by Mr.

Lane, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

AMBULANCE REPORT

The 2011 fourth quarter ambulance report was presented and explained.

PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION/TOURISM COMMISSION

A letter was presented which will be provided to the Planning Commission, Paks and Recreation Commission, and the Tourism Commission which addresses attendance, the decision making process, and general conduct of the Commissions.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, gave a presentation on the functions of the Municipal Services Department including engineering, water, wastewater, streets, equipment rental, building maintenance, and stormwater.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST

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Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Acting Finance Director