

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
March 22, 2011

Council Present: Jon Lane, Dick Deane, Karen Liebrecht, Brent Reese, David Curnel, and Richard Pearce Absent: Brent Reese

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Calvin from Boy Scout Troop 96 led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION

The proclamation honoring Lupe Hernandez for his service to the community was read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the March 8, 2011 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 city hall. As of March 22, 2011 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$256,734.72; prepaid claims in the amount of \$48,279.79; claim checks in the amount of \$1,654,843.58; and payroll in the amount of \$24,446.96.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

TOURISM COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Bev Shuford to the Tourism Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the re-appointment of Bev Shuford to the Tourism Commission be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 8.52 - RESIDENTIAL VEHICLE STORAGE - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the vehicle storage regulations to address the issue of the use of gravel as a parking surface in the front yard in the residential areas of the City. The ordinance was changed as requested by the Council.

The ordinance amending Chapter 8.52 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Residential Vehicle Storage" was read by title only.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, mentioned that the Council amended the language in the ordinance presented at the last meeting. With that change, some additional changes were needed in other areas of the ordinance to make it comply with the requested changes. Three proposed ordinances were provided for the Council's consideration. He showed several pictures of the various ways home owners are storing their vehicles.

There was considerable discussion by the Council.

Ralph Dillon, 339 Earl Road, stated that he is unable to have access to his back yard since the side yard setback is only 5'. He mentioned that he had a paved area installed adjacent to the side lot line to accommodate his vehicle as required by the city at the time and now the city is changing the requirements and making it illegal to park his vehicle in that area.

Joe Cassiano, 508 Clark, stated that the city does not allow him to park his 5th wheel or boat on the street so he installed asphalt on his lot in order to park them on the lot and now he is being told he cannot do that either.

Mr. Gavinski gave some history on the regulations for residential vehicle storage.

There was additional discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the ordinance be changed to eliminate the last sentence in 8.52.040 B 1, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - CREATE 9.22 - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE - 2nd READING

An ordinance was presented which addresses panhandling and donation solicitation from vehicle occupants.

The ordinance creating Chapter 9.22 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Offenses Against Public Peace" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the ordinance be amended by using a C-13 penalty and the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - AMEND 13.12 - WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER RATES - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which increases the water, sewer and stormwater rates.

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

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Deane and passed with Dr. Curnel opposed.

RESOLUTION - ABANDON EASEMENT - REC SOLAR GRADE SILICON

A resolution was presented which abandons the easements granted to the City by REC Solar Grade Silicon during the reconstruction of Road N.

The resolution authorizing abandonment of an easement was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

TRACTORS AND SKID STEER LOADER

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for a compact utility tractor for the Park and Recreation Department, a 120-horsepower tractor for the Wastewater Division, and a skid steer loader for the Stormwater Division.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that staff be authorized to call for bids, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS - NATIONAL POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

The American Legion Riders requested the use of McCosh Park on Friday, September 16, 2011 for a National POW/MIA Remembrance Day event. The event will honor the men and women from the State of Washington who are or have served in the armed forces and those who are a POW/MIA. The event will include food vendors and a beer garden. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the request be granted with the understanding that the American Legion Riders will abide by all rules and regulations regarding food, beverages, and alcohol sales and consumption.

George Doles, 227 5th Avenue, Soap Lake, director for the American Legion Riders, explained their purpose and gave an outline of the events planned for the day.

There was some discussion by the Council.

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

THE SPORTS FORUM

The Sports Forum, which will be holding three baseball tournaments in Moses Lake in 2011, has requested permission to sell T-shirts and raffle tickets at their tournaments this year. These are non-food or beverage items which do not compete with the established City concession operations.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that the appropriate percentage of the profits be given back to the city, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

SIGN - CENTRAL BASIN TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

The Central Basin Traffic Safety Task Force requested permission to place a variable message board at the Moses Lake Fire Department to promote the correct use of child car seats.

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

SIGN - HAIR

Rhonda Chase, Hair, requested permission to place a sandwich board sign in city right-of-way at the north side entrance to the Lep-re-con parking lot at 2707 W. Broadway.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request be granted for a 4' x 2' sign, 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

PROJECT UPDATE

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, provided an update of the current projects in the city.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$20,277.75 in investment income in February 2011.

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

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director