

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
April 12, 2011

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Pearce led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting were presented for approval.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Reese, 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 city hall. As of April 12, 2011 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$1,910,194.42; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$47,503.69 and \$35,162.52; claim checks in the amount of \$831,918.35; and payroll in the amounts of \$26,323.94 and \$2,823.38.

Dr. Curnel questioned the cost of tree placement. Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that it is the final payment on the replacement of the trees in the current paver district project. He mentioned that the cost includes repair and replacement of both the tree wells and tree species. A more detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.

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

Accept Work - Mae Valley Well Project 2010: Advanced Excavation, Inc. has completed work on the 2010 Mae Valley Well Project. This project consisted of constructing a new well house and setting the pump for the recently drilled Well 31 located in the Westlake area and modifying the well house and setting the pump at Well 19 that is located at Moses Pointe.

Mr. Deane pointed out that the increase in the water and sewer bills helped pay for these improvements.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the work be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

VISION 2020 - CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

Vision 2020 has scheduled the 9th Annual City Wide Clean Up for Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. Permission was requested to use the parking lot at the Surf and Slide Water Park for city cleaning

assignments, garbage collection, and lunch. Vision 2020 also requested the city allow Lakeside Disposal to staff and use their compactor truck on site and to cover the cost of the landfill fees.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request be granted, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY - MOSES LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Moses Lake Business Association is planning a barbeque competition for September 24. There will be about 25 teams competing for a \$5,000 purse. They will begin cooking at 6 a.m. and the judging will be at 5 p.m. The public will be invited to attend. Permission was requested to close Third Avenue from Alder Street to Cedar Street and the 200 and 300 blocks of Ash Street from Friday September 23 at 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 24; permission to use Sinkiuse Square on September 24; permission to allow a non-profit group to host a beer garden in the 300 block of Ash Street; permission to discharge grey water into the city sewer system; and permission for ten members to stay in self-contained vehicles overnight in the Surf 'n Slide parking lot.

There was some discussion concerning the closure of side streets, access to the post office, and access for emergency vehicles.

Marianne Bondi, Executive Director, Moses Lake Business Association, stated that they would be glad to work with city staff to address the concerns. They felt it would be a good event for Moses Lake.

There was some discussion by the Council concerning the beer garden and the camping in the Surf 'n Slide parking lot. It was suggested that a non-alcoholic beverage garden would do well also and overnight parking is allowed for other events.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the request be granted, seconded by Dr. Curnel.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the request be tabled, seconded by Mr. Deane, and failed with Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Liebrecht, and Mr. Deane in favor and Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, Dr. Curnel, and Mr. Ecret opposed.

The motion passed with Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Liebrecht opposed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 19.06 - CLASSIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF WETLANDS - SINGLE READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the requirements in the Classification and Designation of Wetlands by deleting the provision that the Department of Ecology use the Washington State Wetland Delineation Manual. This change brings the city into compliance with state law.

The ordinance amending Chapter 19.06 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Classification and Designation of Wetlands and Regulations for the Conservation and Protection of Wetlands" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, pointed out that the change was made at the legislative level and is in effect state wide at this time. This changes clarifies which manual is to be used in delineating a wetland.

Action Taken; Mr. Deane moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - AMEND GARBAGE RATES - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which establishes a rate for a 40 yard roll-off two times a week and a return trip charge. The return trip charge would be assessed for those individuals who fail to have their carts out on the street on time.

The ordinance establishing charges for garbage collection was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 10.12 - PARKING REGULATIONS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the parking regulations by deleting unnecessary sections, moving some restricted parking to the correct category, and rewording some sections for consistency.

The ordinance amending Chapter 10.12 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Parking Regulations" was read by title only.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, explained the changes.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

A resolution was presented which accepts \$740 from Soroptimist International. The funds are to be used for the purchase of a bench in memory of Faye Maslen and Ruby Helmbolt

The resolution accepting a cash donation of \$750 from Soroptimist International of Moses Lake was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDSALLEY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 2011

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2011 Alley Reconstruction Project. This project will pave the alleys located between Third Avenue and Broadway Avenue starting at Alder Street and ending at Fir Street.

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

COF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2011

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2011 COF Improvement Project. This project will construct a one million gallon storage basin and improve the headworks at the Central Operations Facility.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that the storage basin is being constructed to handle any wastewater in case the force main should break between the Central Operations Facility and the Sand Dunes Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that staff be authorized to call for bids, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

STORMWATER DECANT FACILITY PROJECT 2011

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2011 Stormwater Decant Facility Project. This project will construct a decant facility that will be used instead of the existing drain pad that discharges to the stormwater system.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that this project will bring the city into compliance with state law. He mentioned that the city received comments from the neighbors and staff has addressed their concerns.

There was some discussion by the Council.

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

TRAILER

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for a 25-ton trailer with ramps to transport the new backhoe. The existing trailer will be transferred to the Parks Department to transport their backhoe.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that staff be authorized to call for bids, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

WALGREENS - LEFT TURNS

The Community Development Department has received several complaints regarding the left turn movement into the Walgreens store from Stratford Road. Both the Municipal Services Director and the Police Chief feel the left turn is a traffic hazard and have requested the left turns be prohibited by the installation of a concrete curb as a barrier.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, gave the background on the traffic issues related to the construction of the Walgreens store.

There was some discussion by the Council.

David Thompson, SE Grangier Development Group, representing Walgreens, was concerned about the limited access to the site if this access is eliminated. He felt that a traffic analysis should be done on the site in order to be able to understand what is happening at the intersection. The reason for the traffic analysis is to determine if there is a specific time of day where the left turn is more problematic than others and if there may be ways to mitigate the left turn to preclude people from using it during the problem hours.

There was considerable discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the curb be installed on Stratford to prevent left turns into Walgreens, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

RAILROAD

Mr. Ecret felt the Council should take a firm stand on the issue of the elimination of the railroad running through town.

There was some discussion and it was the consensus of the Council that staff draft a resolution declaring the city's decision to eliminate the railroad currently running through town.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CIVIC CENTER

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that a updated work schedule on the new civic center shows a completion date of August 8, 2011, which is almost to the original completion date.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

After the study session concerning the ambulance rates, staff was requested to research whether or not the city would have a net loss if the ambulances only responded to emergencies and left non-emergency transports to a private service. The research shows that if the non-emergency calls are eliminated, the net loss may be even greater.

WASHINGTON SURVEY AND RATING BUREAU

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau audited the city and determined that the city has been awarded a rating of 2 for the commercial area and is only one half point away from a rating of 2 in the residential area. He pointed out that a rating of 1 is the highest and there are no cities in the state with a rating of 1 and very few with a rating of 2.

MOSES LAKE IRRIGATION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT - DREDGING PERMIT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District has received its shoreline conditional use permit for the dredging of the lake.

RETREAT REPORT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided a report of the Council/Staff Retreat held in February 2011.

SIGNS

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that staff is working on regulations dealing with banner and political signs.

WAYFINDING SIGNS

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that staff is ready to move forward on the wayfinding welcome signs. It is proposed to place one sign at Larsen Playfield and one near the Conoco Station at Kittelson Road which would be on property owned by the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation has been contacted concerning the use of their property.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that staff be authorized to have the signs placed at Larsen Playfield and near the Conoco Station at Kittelson Road, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The March 2011 Building Activity Report was presented.

GAMBLING REPORT

The city received \$87,819.69 in gambling tax income for the first quarter of 2011.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$20,449.50 in investment income for March 2011.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$324,247.20 in sales tax and \$30,274.86 in transient rental income in March 2011.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director