

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
July 26, 2011

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Liebrecht led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the July 12, 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 July 26, 2011 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$596,333.14; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$13,948.46 and \$13,516.59; claim checks in the amount of \$1,785,863.67; and payroll in the amounts of \$4,772.11 and \$374,669.64.

Six Year Street Plan - Set Public Hearing: The Council should set August 23 as the date for a public hearing to consider the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Brian Dano to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the re-appointment of Brian Dano to the Parks and Recreation Commission be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 12.40 - STREET CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT CHARGES" - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which establishes the reimbursement charges for the street improvements to Wapato Drive.

The ordinance amending Chapter 12.40 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Street Construction or Improvement Reimbursement Charges" 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 - AMEND 18.20 - RESIDENTIAL ZONES - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the residential zones by allowing hedges in any front yard or corner lot exterior side yard.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.20 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Residential Zones" was read by title only.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 2011 BUDGET - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the 2011 budget.

The ordinance amending the 2011 budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington was read by title only.

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

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

An ordinance was presented which amends the sign code by creating a signage standard for a "Wheeler Corridor Heavy Industrial Area". The area is within city limits located east of Road L and zoned Heavy Industrial.

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

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that signs in industrial areas are limited to 25' in height at this time. Considering the size of the parcels in the industrial areas, the property owners and sign companies have requested that the sign height be increased. The Planning Commission felt that the freeway interchange sign regulations would be appropriate for this area.

There was some discussion by the Council.

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

#### RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - WELFUND

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$1,500 donation from WELfund to the Police Department for the purchase of body armor.

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

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

#### RESOLUTION - ACCEPT GRANT - WALMART FOUNDATION

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$1,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase digital cameras for patrol officers.

The resolution accepting a grant from the Walmart Foundation was read by title only.

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

#### REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

##### CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING AND PARKING PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the Civic Center Landscaping and Parking Project. This project includes constructing two parking lots at the intersection of Balsam Street and Fourth Avenue, constructing a roundabout at the intersection, and installing landscaping and irrigation systems for the Civic Center area.

There was some discussion about the improvements and it was pointed out that water and power will be placed to the center of the roundabout.

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

Joseph k. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the building is scheduled to be completed about the second week of September with some time available for completion of any punch list items. The City will be able to move in about the first of October with six weeks for the exhibits to be completed in the Museum. The dedication and open house should take place about the middle of November, which coincides with the holiday show at the Museum and Art Center.

#### REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

#### OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### DRIVEWAY DEVIATION - FIFTH AVENUE

Engineering staff requested a deviation to the driveway standards to allow a new driveway within 20' of the existing driveway that the police use to access their parking spaces and carport. The proposed driveway will provide a bypass fire access and access to Well 7. The existing access to Well 7 is blocked by the Civic Center and the new security fencing that will be installed during the Civic Center Parking Lot Project.

Sean O'Brien, City Engineer, stated that the existing access will be fenced off and so only available to the Police Department. The new access will be used by the Fire Department, garbage, Water Department, and museum deliveries. There will be limited use of the driveway.

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

#### REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department requested authorization to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$11,400 in order to purchase two video surveillance cameras and the necessary accessories to transmit and record. The cameras will be utilized to assist with anti-graffiti and other criminal activity.

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

#### MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - PROTECTION 1, LLC

A proposed mutual aid agreement between Protection 1, LLC and the City was presented. Protection 1 is the new ambulance provider in the Quincy area. This agreement is similar to the agreement with American Medical Response.

Tom Taylor, Fire Chief, stated that this agreement would provide mutual aid in an emergency to the area covered by Protection 1. He mentioned that Protection 1 was informed that Moses Lake does not typically respond to the Quincy area on EMS/mutual aid because of the need to keep coverage in the Moses Lake area.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

##### REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Police Department requested the use of Sinkiuse Square and the closure of Third Avenue from Beech Street to Ash Street on August 2 in honor of National Night Out. The Police employees plan to have a barbeque and live music at Sinkiuse Square and informational booths on Third Avenue. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dean Mitchell, Police Chief, stated that National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention and to generate community support and participation in local anti-crime programs.

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

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

##### COUNCIL IN THE PARK

There was some discussion and it was determined to reschedule the presence of the Council at McCosh Park.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSFAIRGROUNDS SEWER PROJECT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that a meeting was held between the Department of Ecology, Department of Health, City of Moses Lake, Grant County, the Economic Development Council and others to discuss the septic system installed at the Grant County Fairgrounds. He mentioned that the Department of Ecology is very interested in having that system attached to the city's system but that they cannot make the Fairgrounds be connected. He pointed out that if the system had been processed as a large on-site septic system, there would have been additional oversight and monitoring requirements and those may still have to be met. The article in the Columbia Basin Herald speculated that if the area had been annexed and zoned "Agricultural", certain restrictions with regard to the keeping of animals would apply. He pointed out that the city has never suggested the fairgrounds be zoned "Agricultural" and that it would have been zoned "Public" with an amendment to the zone to allow for agricultural fairs.

Mr. Deane gave some background on the negotiations that took place between the City and the County concerning the possible connection of the fairgrounds to the City's sewer system.

Mr. Pearce felt that the county would continue on with the existing system but they will be coming back to the city in the future to connect to the City's system.

There was some discussion and it was the consensus of the Council that the previously drafted interlocal agreement concerning the annexation of the Grant County Fairgrounds be sent to the County Commissions with a letter reiterating the City's position and concerns.

PURCHASING AND BIDDING

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided information on the laws that apply to the City regarding purchasing materials and supplies and equipment.

AMBULANCE FUND

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided a report on the Ambulance Fund as of June 30, 2011 and mentioned that the fund is doing fine.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the second quarter financial report is available on line.

RECYCLE PROGRAM

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that there has been a reduction in residential garbage by an average of 46% over 2010 and that 2,812 tons of material was recycled that would otherwise have ended up in the landfill.

GAMBLING REPORT

The city received \$77,954.99 in gambling tax income for the second quarter of 2011.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$20,277.25 in investment income for June 2011.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$439,396.45 in sales tax and \$43,150.52 in transient rental income in June 2011.

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

ATTEST

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Jon Lane, Mayor

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Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director