

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
August 9, 2011

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tom Jones, Grant County Sheriff, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

CITIZEN RECOGNITION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief Dean Mitchell and Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones presented awards to Charlie Stokoe for his willingness to provide information to the law enforcement community which led to the apprehension of a dangerous felon.

SERVICE AWARDS

Years of Service pins for 10 years of service with the City were given to Terry Robertson, and Ramon Lopez. Years of Service pins for 15 years of service with the City were given to Michael Williams and Andrew Bechyne. A Years of Service pin for 20 years of service with the City was given to Tom Taylor . Years of Service pins for 25 years of service with the City were given to Gary Harer and Jim Reyna. A Years of Service pin for 30 years of service with the City was given to Marsha Newton. A Years of Service pin for 35 years of service with the City was given to Judy Thompson.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

Tony Pfluger and James Whitmore were presented a 2010 Outstanding Performance Award from the Department of Ecology for their work at the Sand Dunes and Larson Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the July 26, 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 August 9, 2011 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$2,735,280.34; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$90,830.96 and \$8,975.39; claim checks in the amount of \$1,170,445.00; and payroll in the amounts of \$373,649.21 and \$4,411.70.

Resolution - Accept Grant - Aviation Division: A resolution was presented which accepts a \$4,500 grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division . The funds will be used to purchase security cameras at the Municipal Airport.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - NoneCONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - NonePETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSFAIRGROUNDS ANNEXATION

Jon Smith, 246 Northshore, stated that he is concerned that there is no proof at this time of any pollution leaking from the fairgrounds sewer systems and entering the lake. He felt the previously proposed draft agreement should provide for connection of the fairgrounds sewer system to the City's system and there should be public notice on any proposed annexation of the fairgrounds.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 18.58 - SIGNS - 2ND 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.

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

ORDINANCE - BONDS - SINGLE READING

An ordinance was presented which authorizes the issuance and sale of water and sewer revenue bonds in the amount of \$4,905,000 was presented. The funds raised by the bonds will be used for sewer installation in Longview Tracts, construction of a new reservoir in the Larson Subdivision, and construction of a detention reservoir at the Central Operations Facility.

The ordinance of the City of Moses Lake, Washington; authorizing certain additions, betterments and improvements to the City's combined system of water and sewerage; authorizing the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds of the City to pay the costs of said improvements in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,905,000; fixing the date, form, terms, maturities and covenants of the bonds; approving a purchase contract for the bonds; reserving the right to issue revenue bonds on a parity with the bonds herein authorized upon compliance with certain conditions and approving an agreement for ongoing disclosure was read by title only.

Jim Nelson, vice president and senior municipal underwriter with Martin Nelson and Co., explained the bond issue and noted that the city was upgraded from an A+ to a AA-, which is the fourth highest rating grade. The bonds are for 10 years and the net borrowing costs are 2.42% which makes for an average annual payment of \$564,000.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Cynthia Weed, bond counsel, mentioned that the bonds are excellent investments.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$23,900.20 in investment income for July 2011.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$431,750.56 in sales tax and \$65,576.42 in transient rental income in July 2011.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director