

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
December 22, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 5 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 December 13, 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 December 22, 2011 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount \$76,751.19; prepaid claims in the amount of \$24,057.73; and claim checks in the amount of \$3,018,479.84;

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested confirmation of the re-appointment of Charles Hepburn to the Planning Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the re-appointment of Charles Hepburn to the Planning Commission be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES: None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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 2011 BUDGET - SINGLE 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: Mr. Reese moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - FRANCHISE - U. S. SPRINT - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which grants a franchise to U. S. Sprint Communications Co. to operate and maintain a cable system in the City of Moses Lake.

The ordinance granting to US Sprint Communications Company, a New York General Partnership, its successors or assigns, a franchise to own, operate, and maintain a buried communications system and maintain that portion of right-of-way to city standards above and around the communications system was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - GARBAGE COLLECTION - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which reduces the rate for a 4 yard dumpster one time a week to encourage customers to use this service rather than a 2 yard dumpster four times a week.

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

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONAMBULANCE BILLING CONTRACT

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign a Business Association Agreement and an EMS Billing Services Agreement with EF Recovery, LLC for ambulance billing services.

There was some discussion by the Council and it was pointed out the EF Recovery is from Gig Harbor and there were no bid amounts provided.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that it is a professional services agreement, not a bid, and the actual costs were similar for all three companies, so cost was not the deciding factor.

Ron Cone, Finance Director, stated that it was felt by staff that the best option for the City was EF Recovery based on a number of considerations.

Corbin Moberg, Omni Staffing Services, Inc., 704 W. Third, stated that they have been in business in Moses Lake since 1998. The services include providing medical staff throughout the region and ambulance billing. He mentioned that they are familiar with the ambulance billing system being used by the City. He enumerated the requirements and their ability to meet those requirements.

There was considerable discussion by the Council and staff was requested to review the matter.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the matter be tabled, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

#### PRESENTATION - PEARCE

Mayor Lane presented a plaque to Richard Pearce for his 20 years of service on the Council.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### REIMBURSEMENTS 2011

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided the increase in the water, sewer, storm water, and street reimbursements. These amounts are increased each year by the January to January CPI.

#### CIVIC CENTER AGREEMENTS

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided a rough draft of the Facilities Request and Agreement and the Civic Center Use Policy for the Civic Center building.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

Ron Cone, Finance Director, administered the oath of office to the new Council members - Jason Avila, Jon Lane, and Dick Deane.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST

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Jon Lane, Mayor

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Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director