

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 26, 2010

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

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.

MINUTES: Mr. Deane moved that the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting 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 January 26, 2010 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$851,574.76; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$5,574.02, \$8,993.90, and \$46,835.41; claim checks in the amount of \$966,600.80; and payroll in the amounts of \$41,746.93, \$2,891.26, and \$39,748.16.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the bills, checks, prepaid claims, and payroll issued be approved, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA - None

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Kevin Starcher, Todd Lengenfelder, and Rick Penhallurick to the Planning Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the re-appointment of Kevin Starcher, Todd Lengenfelder, and Rick Penhallurick to the Planning Commission be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Tom Dent to the Airport Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the re-appointment of Tom Dent to the Airport Commission be confirmed, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTESPICK UP TRUCKS

The city received two bids each for the three pickup trucks. The Discovery Ford bid for the small extended cab 4 x 4 pickup was not signed and so cannot be considered, and the bid from Bud Clary Chevrolet was 10% more than the state contract. Staff recommended that the bids be rejected and the city purchase this vehicle from the state contract.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the bid for the 3/4 ton regular cab pickup be awarded to Discovery Ford in the amount of \$22,776, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the bid for the 3/4 ton extended cab pickup be awarded to Discovery Ford in the amount of \$25,091, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the bids for the small extended cab 4 x 4 pickup be rejected and the vehicle be purchased from the state contract, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed with Mr. Deane opposed as he felt the city should purchase this vehicle locally.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 2.08 - MAYOR AND COUNCIL - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which eliminates the approval of minutes and bills as agenda items. This will allow those items to be included under the Consent Agenda.

The ordinance amending Chapter 2.08 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled Mayor and Council was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND GARBAGE RATES - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which establishes various garbage rates to accommodate the service requirements of the Wheeler Road annexation area.

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

There was some discussion on the process of changing the garbage service from Consolidated Disposal to Lakeside Disposal.

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

RESOLUTION - IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM

A resolution was presented which adopts an expanded identity theft prevention program policy. This policy supercedes the previous policy adopted in February 2009.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

CRACK SEAL PROJECT 2010

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2010 Crack Seal Project. This projects consists of sealing approximately 300,000' of cracks in the city's streets, bike paths, and parking lots.

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

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS

ORDINANCE - LANDSCAPING - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the landscaping requirements to increase by 10% the number of points required for street frontage landscaping along designated aesthetic corridors. The Planning Commission recommended that the landscape aesthetic corridors be designated as West Broadway beginning at I-90 Exit 176 to the Division Street intersection, East Broadway from its intersection with Division Street to where it joins with Pioneer Way and Pioneer Way from where it joins with East Broadway to its intersection with Highway 17.

Mr. Deane suggested that Wheeler Road, the remainder of East Broadway, and Yonezawa Boulevard be added to the aesthetic corridors required to have the additional number of points in the landscaping since they are also major entrances into the city.

Anne Henning, Senior Planner, pointed out that any new landscaping on East Broadway from Pioneer to Highway 17 is required to match the existing landscaping since that is actually maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. She mentioned that the Wheeler Road area is an industrial zone and not much landscaping is required in those areas. She pointed out that the percentage increase in the landscaping is for the currently designated aesthetic corridors.

Mr. Reese also felt that additional areas should be designated in the future.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.57 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Landscaping" 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 with Dr. Curnel opposed.

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

GROVE ESTATES - GROUP B WATER SYSTEM

Richard Penhallurick, Manager of Grove Estates, LLC, requested approval for a Group B water system to serve 11 lots in the Grove Estates Phase 1 Plat. The closest city water is across the lake in Crestview Drive.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that it is unreasonable for them to connect to city water since the water line would have to be extended across the lake and through Cascade Valley to this site.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that a covenant be required for connection to the city's water system in the future, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

ROAD N - DRIVEWAY DEVIATION

Staff requested a deviation of the Community Standards in order to allow a driveway to be constructed within 10' of a property line. The existing driveway allows access to the southern face of Americold's building. The location of the driveway is restricted by the railroad track on one side and the steep slope on the other side.

Gary G. Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that Road N is being reconstructed this summer. There are a number of existing driveways that do not conform to city standards. Most of them have been relocated to meet city standards but Americold's driveway is unable to be re-located because of the existing facilities and the terrain.

There was some discussion by the Council.

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

TAQUERIA MI TIERRA - SIGN

David Ramos, Taqueria Mi Terra, is requesting permission to place a sandwich board sign on the sidewalk, in city right-of-way, at the corner of Broadway and Ash.

Mr. Ramos' daughter translated the words on the signage and stated that the sign will only be placed on the sidewalk during the time the restaurant is open.

There was some discussion by Council concerning the location of the sign, its size, and the materials. It was pointed out that the property actually runs the entire length of Ash Street from Broadway towards the lake.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the item be tabled and the proponent work with staff on the concerns of the Council, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CITY UTILITIES - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Elroy Teterud, Habitat for Humanity, requested permission to connect 1241 Lowry Street to the city's water and sewer system. The lot is within one half mile of the city limits and the Council must determine that it is impractical for the property owner to annex this property.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that it be determined that it is impractical to annex this one lot at this time and that the request for city services be granted with the stipulation that the property owner sign an Extra Territorial Utility Agreement, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Mr. Ecret requested Council support in order to retain the Main Street Program in Moses Lake. He explained that this is a major economic program in Washington State and communities use it as an information exchange source for all types of downtown projects, including revitalization. Moses Lake is an affiliate of the program which has been proven to create jobs and save downtown businesses.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that a letter of support be sent, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2009 annual financial report is on the website.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session with the City Attorney to discuss current litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director