

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
February 9, 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: Dr. Curnel led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Dr. Curnel moved that the minutes of the January 26, 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 February 9, 2010 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$375,195.16; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$6,690.64 and \$14,846.47; claim checks in the amount of \$1,285,735.33; and payroll in the amount of \$38,364.92.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution - Accept Easements: Resolutions were presented which accept easements from The Church in Moses Lake, Port of Moses Lake, Robert Varnes, and Maiers Enterprises. The easements are on property located west of Arnold Drive and east of Highway 17.

Resolution - Abandon Easement - Albertus Addition #2: A resolution was presented which abandons an easement located on the property line between Lots 2 and 3 of the Albertus Addition #2 Major Plat located on Lakeside Drive.

Resolution - City Employee Wellness Program: A resolution was presented which establishes and supports a City Employee Wellness Program.

Vision 2020 - City Wide Clean Up: Vision 2020 has scheduled the 8th Annual City Wide Clean Up for Saturday, May 1, 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. Deane moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTSGRANT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Councilman Deane to the Grant Transit Authority.

Mr. Deane's appointment to the Grant Transit Authority was confirmed

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the appointment of Councilman Curnel to the Grant County Board of Health.

Dr. Curnel's appointment to the Grant County Board of Health was confirmed.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTSAIRPORT COMMISSION

Mayor Lane requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Jerry Richardson and Darel Fuller to the Airport Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the re-appointments of Darel Fuller and Jerry Richardson to the Airport Commission be confirmed, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - NonePETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSPATHS AND TRAILS PLANNING TEAM

Mike Riggs, Trails Planning Team, stated that they are involved in creating a network of linked paths throughout Moses Lake for exercise, recreation, transportation, and tourist promotion. He mentioned that the Trails Planning Team has been in existence for about 10 years and is part of the Healthy Communities Project. The Team meets on a monthly basis and takes advantage of available grants.

Brenda Teals, Trails Planning Team, stated that the City Council has supported the Team over the last 8 years and requested the Council continue that support. She outlined the past success of the Team and its future projects.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 2.08 - MAYOR AND COUNCIL - 2ND 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. Reese moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Peace, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - AMEND GARBAGE RATES - 2ND 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.

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

ORDINANCE - LANDSCAPING - 2ND 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 ordinance amending Chapter 18.57 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Landscaping" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the Planning Commission had considered additional corridors but felt that the area designated would be a good start to see how the additional landscaping would work.

Mrs. Liebrecht was concerned about what the additional 10% would add to the corridors.

Mr. Deane felt that additional corridors should be added as the landscape helps to beautify the city.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Dr. Curnel felt that the point system is too cumbersome and that beautification on the city's right-of-way should be the responsibility of the city.

Mr. Alvarado pointed out that the prior regulations were difficult to enforce and the Planning Commission was constantly considering landscape alteration requests. Developers have already indicated that the point system is better than the prior regulations.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed with Dr. Curnel and Mrs. Liebrecht opposed.

ORDINANCE - VACATE PILGRIM STREET - 2ND READING

Sloan Jorgensen submitted a petition to vacate a small portion of Pilgrim Street south of Colonial Avenue.

The ordinance vacating a portion of Pilgrim Street was read by title only.

Mr. Jorgensen submitted a letter providing the reasons why he feels he should not pay for this vacated right-of-way and provided state law to support his reasons.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained the process and the state law that allows the city to require reimbursement for the vacated portion of Pilgrim Street.

Dr. Jorgensen explained his reasons for opposing the requirement to pay for this vacated right-of-way.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed with Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel opposed.

ORDINANCE - AMEND 3.62 - UTILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which increases the system development charges.

The ordinance amending Chapter 3.62 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Utility System Development Charges" was read by title only.

There was some discussion by the Council on the process of increasing the fees.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - CRISCUOLO

A resolution was presented which accepts the donation of three display cases with a total value of \$1,900 from Nick Criscuolo. The display cases are to be used by the Museum and Art Center.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - MOSES LAKE LITTLE LEAGUE

A resolution was presented which accepts \$2,000 from the Moses Lake Little League. The funds are to be used for youth baseball and/or "Y" field improvements.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - STATE FARM INSURANCE

A resolution was presented which accepts \$6,500 from State Farm Agent Kim Janke. The funds are to be used to purchase equipment for the Police Department strength and conditioning room and equipment for the firing range.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDSAMBULANCE AND 3/4 TON PICKUP

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for a new ambulance and a new 3/4 ton pickup for stormwater maintenance.

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

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONTAQUERIA MI TIERRA - SIGN

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

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that this item be removed from the table, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that staff has talked to Mr. Ramos and explained that the sign needs to be anchored. The sign is made of wood and will be placed at the corner of Broadway and Ash and will be taken in when the business is closed.

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

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FEES

The city is currently charging building permit fees under the 1997 Uniform Building Code standards. Staff is recommending that the current fee schedule be amended to bring the fees into conformity with the fees charged by other agencies in Grant County.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that staff is evaluating all the fees the city is charging and will be bringing them back to Council for direction on any changes staff feels is necessary.

Kevin Myre, Building Official, explained how the fees where established.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff bring back a resolution with the proposed fee increases.

RAILROAD

Tim Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, Columbia Basin Railroad, gave some background on the need for upgrades to the rail system in the Moses Lake area and informed the Council of the progress in obtaining grants for the various proposed segments for the rerouting and upgrading of the rail system in the area. He pointed out that the city is eligible to apply for railroad relocation funding which the railroad cannot apply for.

Patrick Boss, Columbia Basin Railroad, stated that cities can apply for funds to purchase sections of railroads that have been abandoned or rerouted.

There was considerable discussion on the city's involvement in the process of obtaining funding for the various aspects of improving the rail system in the Moses Lake area.

It was determined that a subcommittee be established to work with the Port of Moses Lake and the Columbia Basin Railroad on improving the rail system in the Moses Lake area.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that staff be authorized to send letters to Senators Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, and Representative Doc Hastings requesting funds for the rail improvements, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Ecret, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Liebrecht were appointed to the subcommittee.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The January 2010 Building Activity Report was distributed.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$1,771.64 in investment income for January 2010.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$373,688.80 in sales tax and \$24,816.04 in transient rental income in January 2010.

AGCCT MEETING

The AGCCT meeting is on March 31 at Warden.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session with the City Attorney to discuss current litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director