

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
March 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: Mr. Pearce led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the February 23, 2010 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 March 9, 2010 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$693,275.65; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$23,950.41 and \$1,453.75; claim checks in the amount of \$698,350.51; and payroll in the amounts of \$3,385.26 and \$32,715.50.

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

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS - None

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES

PICKUP

The City received two bids for the 3/4 ton extended cab pickup. This pickup will be used by the stormwater maintenance crew. Taking into account the sales tax the city will receive, the low bidder would be Discovery Ford of Moses Lake.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the bid be awarded to Discovery Ford in the amount of \$25,098, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

CRACK SEAL PROJECT

The City received three bids for the 2010 Crack Seal Project. This project consists of sealing approximately 300,000' of cracks in the city's streets, bike paths, and parking lots.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the project be awarded to Quality Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$107,622, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - NoneORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - LAKES MOBILE HOME PARK - FRANCHISE - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the franchise to Lakes Mobile Home Park, LLC by reducing the amount of insurance required from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

The ordinance amending Ordinance 2529 granting to Lakes Mobile Home Park, LLC the right and franchise to use and occupy designated streets, alleys, and other public places and ways of the City of Moses Lake, Washington, to construct, maintain, repair, renew and operate a water distribution system within and through certain portions of the City of Moses Lake, Washington was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 3.30 - UTILITY OCCUPATIONAL TAX - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which sets an eight percent (8%) utility and occupational tax rate for the stormwater management utility.

The ordinance amending Chapter 3.30 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Utility Occupational Tax" was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND VALUATIONS

A resolution was presented which sets revised building permit fees and building construction valuations per the adopted State Building Code.

The resolution establishing building code fees for the City of Moses Lake was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained the differences between the current fees and the proposed fees.

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

RESOLUTION - BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY - PERFORMIX

A resolution was presented which allows PerforMix to construct a steel sided 30' x 40' long storage building on unplatted property with the stipulation that a covenant be provided for sidewalks and street lights in the future and a 10' wide easement fronting the property be dedicated to the city. The resolution rescinds the previous resolution granting permission for PerforMix to build on unplatted property with the stipulation that the property be platted.

The resolution allowing PerforMix to build on unplatted property was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that PerforMix had begun to plat their property but was concerned about the requirements of the platting process. PerforMix is currently served with a septic system but under the city's regulations, it would have to connect to city sewer. PerforMix objected to having to connect to city sewer since they are only constructing a storage building which would have no effect on their septic system. They also objected to having to pay for improvements to Road N. The platting costs, the sewer connection, and the road improvements were more than the cost of the building. He mentioned that PerforMix has requested that the requirement to plat be rescinded and they not be required to pay for street improvements or connect to city sewer.

There was some discussion by the Council.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

CIVIC CENTER PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the Moses Lake Civic Center Project. This project consists of constructing a 42,500 square foot structure between the existing City Hall and Police Justice buildings. The proposed building will house two city departments, the City Council Chambers, a 250 seat auditorium, the Museum and Art Center, and additional office and meeting areas.

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

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

SIGN - TEA PARTY

Alan Odermann, Tax Day Tea Party, requested permission to place signs advertising a Tax Day Tea Party Rally on public property. The rally is scheduled for Thursday, April 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Park. The signs will be removed immediately following the rally.

Mr. Odermann stated that the signs will be erected two weeks prior to the rally and will be placed in the areas previously designated by the Council. The signs are 4' wide and 3' high.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that the signs be placed no more than two weeks prior to the rally and only one sign be placed at each location, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

GRANT COUNTY EDC - AGREEMENT

The 2010 Municipal Services Agreement with the Grant County Economic Development Council was presented. The cost to the city is \$30,000. Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the agreement.

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

WESTERN DISPLAY FIREWORKS - AGREEMENT

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the agreement with Western Display Fireworks, Ltd. for the 2010 4th of July fireworks show. The cost of the fireworks is \$16,000.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - FUNDING

The Chamber of Commerce has requested an increase in the funding from the City to cover some of their costs in providing tourism materials to the public. Staff recommended that the fulfillment rate be increased rather than provide a percentage of the City's 2% transient rental income. He recommended that in the future the city simply pay the Chamber a lump sum for its services.

There was considerable discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the fulfillment rate be increased to \$5, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to contact the Chamber concerning the issue of funding for the Spring Festival.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$17,300.34 in investment income for February 2010.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$560,731.77 in sales tax and \$20,136.24 in transient rental income in February 2010.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:12 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session with the City Attorney to discuss litigation and property acquisition issues. The executive session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director