

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
November 9, 2010

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lt. Col. Jim O'Connell led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE

Lt. Col. Jim O'Connell from Fairchild Air Force Base explained that because of the improvements to the runways at Fairchild they will be moving to the old Larson Air Force Base for about 11 months beginning in January 2011. He provided information on their activities.

There was some discussion on the traffic impacts and security issues that would result from the presence of the Air Force in Moses Lake.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting were presented for approval.

Accept Work - Pioneer Way Sidewalk Project: Harden Construction has completed work on the 2010 Pioneer Way Sidewalk Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Accept Work - Sewer Lining Project: Michels Pipe Service has completed work on the 2010 Sewer Lining Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Nuisance Abatement: The Council should set November 23 as the date to consider a resolution to abate nuisances at 823 Polo Ridge.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the Consent Agenda 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 November 9, 2010 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$832,864.86; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$10,325.14, \$6,970.57, and \$16,765.25; claim checks in the amount of \$772,536.12; and payroll in the amounts of \$27,943.57 and \$1,444.56.

Dr. Curnel questioned the nearly \$8,000 bill with regards to the ice rink.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, explained that major repairs were needed to the ice rink before it could be put into operation.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the bills and checks be approved, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - NoneCONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - NonePETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSORDINANCE - 2011 BUDGET - 1ST READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was presented which establishes the budget for 2011.

The ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington for the year of 2011 was read by title only.

The public hearing was opened.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

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

SIGNS - COVEY

Ron Covey requested permission to place political signs on city property in the designated locations.

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

SIGNS - HANSEN

Mick Hansen requested permission to place political signs on city property in the designated locations.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCES - TAXATION - 2ND READINGS

Ordinances were presented which fix the estimated amount to be received by the city from property taxes in 2010 and sets the tax levy rate.

The ordinance fixing the estimated amount to be received for municipal purposes from taxations on assessed valuations on property within the City of Moses Lake, Washington for 2011 was read by title only.

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

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 5.22 - PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which increases the fee for a pawnbroker or secondhand dealer license in order to cover the cost of the background investigation.

The ordinance amending Chapter 5.22 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 6.06 - HAZARDOUS DOGS - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the hazardous dog regulations by allowing an exemption to the requirement to register certain dogs if they pass the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test. The amendment also includes exemptions for dogs which do not reside in the city or are brought to the city for a limited time.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 10.12 - PARKING REGULATIONS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which prohibits parking on both sides of Broadway Avenue from I-90 to West Broadway. The Department of Transportation will be overlaying Broadway from I-90 to Highway 17 in the spring of 2011 and are willing to include the bike lane improvements in their project. The cost to the city will be about \$15,000 for replacing the catch basin grates and painting the extra stripes and symbols.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that the bike lanes on Broadway is a top priority of the Trails Planning Team and this is a great opportunity to convert the parking lanes into bike lanes. He mentioned that of the 34 property owners contacted only two were opposed to the project.

Mike Riggs, Trails Planning Team, stated that these bike lanes would promote safe biking in Moses Lake.

There was some discussion concerning the conversion of the parking lanes to bike lanes.

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

ORDINANCE - RANDOLPH ROAD ANNEXATION - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which provides for the annexation of approximately 1,097 acres of property located adjacent to Randolph Road and from Randolph Road northeast to Stratford Road.

The ordinance annexing property commonly known as the Randolph Road annexation to the City of Moses Lake, Washington, and incorporating the same within the corporate limits of the City of Moses Lake 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 unanimously.

RESOLUTION - AMBULANCE UTILITY FEE

A resolution was presented which adjusts the Ambulance Utility Fee from \$4.70 to \$12.85 per month per user.

The resolution establishing ambulance service utility rates was read by title only.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided information on the ambulance utility fee.

There was considerable discussion by the Council on the operation and funding of the ambulance service.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel.

There was additional discussion by the Commission on the proposed rate increase.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the motion be amended to reduce the rate to \$11.38 per month, increase the contribution from the General Fund to \$186,100, seconded by Dr. Curnel.

There was some discussion by the Council.

The amendment passed with Mr. Pearce, Dr. Curnel, Mrs. Liebrecht, and Mr. Ecret in favor and Mr. Deane opposed as he felt any change should wait until after study sessions are held, Mr. Reese opposed to increasing the contribution from the General Fund, and Mr. Lane opposed as he felt there were other options available.

The amended motion passed with Mr. Pearce, Dr. Curnel, Mrs. Liebrecht, and Mr. Ecret in favor and Mr. Deane, Mr. Reese, and Mr. Lane opposed.

RESOLUTION - BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY - MAIERS INDUSTRIAL PARK, INC.

A resolution was presented which allows Maiers Industrial Park, Inc. to construct a new shop and office building on unplatted property located north of Wheeler Road. A preliminary plat has been submitted for the property and is currently proceeding through the process.

A resolution allowing Maiers Industrial Park, Inc. to build on unplatted property was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that there is a proposal to construct 16,775 square feet of office and shop space on the property currently in the platting process.

Larry Angell, Columbia Northwest Engineering, representing Maiers Industrial Park, Inc., stated that the property owner wishes to begin construction prior to completion of the platting process.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

SIDEWALK - DEVIATION

Brett Dillmann, Facility Manager for Chase Bank, requested a deviation to allow the sidewalk adjacent to Chase Bank to be replaced with a concrete sidewalk rather than the required pavers.

It was pointed out that the ordinance would need to be changed in order to allow a concrete sidewalk to be installed in the paver district.

Mr. Dillman mentioned that the bank is on the edge of the paver district at Fourth and Division. He pointed out that upgrading the sidewalk also includes irrigation, lights, and landscaping as well as other issues such as signal lights, signage, and drainage requested by the city. He stated that the estimate is approximately \$250,000 to replace the sidewalks with pavers and about \$100,000 with concrete.

There was some discussion, and it was the consensus of the Council that Chase Bank should work with staff on the required improvements.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMPS - DOWNTOWN

Information was presented which shows both the public and private handicapped parking spaces in the downtown area. Staff requested direction for constructing accessible ramps at locations in the downtown area.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that staff be authorized to install accessible ramps at the following locations:

1. A double space on Division next to the Andrew's Hallmark Shop
2. A single space on Beech Street next to the MAC
3. A single space on Balsam Street next to th Le Tejanita Bakery
4. A single space on Beech Street next to the Swenson Building

seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

SIGN ON RIGHT-OF-WAY - PIONEER PIT STOP

Deborah Redford, Pioneer Pit Stop, LLC, requested a variance for the placement of a sign in city right-of-way at 1211 S. Pioneer Way. The sign would be placed adjacent to the existing sign at the Pioneer Pit Stop business.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that discussions with staff about the sign took place after the agenda was delivered to Council. The existing free standing sign will be replaced by a new sign within city right-of-way.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that a license for use of city right-of-way be signed, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$10,215.59 in investment income for October 2010.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$390,800.44 in sales tax and \$61,950.36 in transient rental income in October 2010.

The regular meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m. and the Council met in a 30 minute executive session with the City Attorney to discuss litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST

Jon Lane, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director