

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
November 23, 2010

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lane led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION - SALVATION ARMY

A proclamation declaring December 2010 as the Salvation Army Red Kettle Christmas Campaign Month in Moses Lake was read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the November 9, 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 November 23, 2010 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$207,564.99; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$19,186.08, \$149,916.10, and \$1,709.00; claim checks in the amount of \$1,181,078.99; and payroll in the amount of \$27,259.61.

Accept Work - Road N Reconstruction Project: Central Washington Asphalt has completed work on the 2010 Road N Reconstruction Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Nuisance Abatement: The Council should set December 14 as the date to consider a resolution to abate nuisances at 823 Polo Ridge and 2114 Peninsula.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - 2011 BUDGET - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

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.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 10.12 - PARKING REGULATIONS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which prohibits parking on both sides of Broadway Avenue from I-90 to West Third Avenue. 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 ordinance prohibits parking on West Broadway from I-90 to West Third Avenue. This will allow for bike lanes on Broadway as part of the Department of Transportation project.

Joe Rogers, Trails Planning Team, stated that most of the property owners who were contacted about changing the parking lanes to bike lanes were positive about the change.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.55 - HOME OCCUPATIONS - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which provides that a taxicab business with a single vehicle service is allowed as a home occupation. A taxi business with more than a single vehicle would not be allowed as a home occupation.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.55 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Home Occupations" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained that home occupations were reviewed by the Planning Commission until a change in the process and the review was delegated to staff. The Planning Commission was made aware of the proposed change to allow a taxi service as a home occupation and they were concerned that one taxi cab could lead to many taxi cabs in a neighborhood. He pointed out that if it becomes a problem, the issue can be revisited.

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

#### REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

##### RESERVOIR 9 PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2010 Reservoir 9 Project. This project includes constructing a 2.9 million gallon standpipe at 7725 Newell Road and removing the existing tank at the same site.

There was some discussion on the impacts to the area of the proposed new standpipe.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the staff be authorized to call for bids, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONANNEXATION - NATIONAL FROZEN FOODS

National Frozen Foods has submitted a Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings for property located north of Wheeler Road.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the Notice be receipted and accepted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

LONGVIEW TRACTS - SEWER AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Staff is designing the project to install sewer mains and side laterals in Longview Tracts. This project will include the removal of all the existing bituminous surface treatment from the streets. The city can either resurface the streets with the bituminous treatment or pave the streets and install curbs and gutters, without sidewalks, at a cost of \$434,000. Using the bituminous treatment will be nullified when the streets are brought up to community standards within the next four years. Staff requested a deferral for installing the sidewalks until the streets are brought up to Community Standards.

Gary G. Harer, Municipal Services Director, explained the project.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the request to defer the sidewalks until the streets are brought up to Community Standards be granted, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSFEES

Chris Nelson, 198 Crestview, pointed out that during the past year the city has raised the fees and charges on the water service, sewer service, stormwater, and ambulance. With the proposed additional increase in the ambulance fees, the increase comes to over \$17 per month. He also commented on problems and possible changes for the recycling program. He felt that eventually the city may have to privatize the ambulance service because the costs will continue to rise.

Samuel Stewart, 627 Crestview, stated that he would wait to make his comments about the ambulance fees until the Council holds its study session.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSORDINANCE- AMEND 8.04 - FIREWORKS - SINGLE READING

An ordinance was presented which would allow fireworks on New Year Eve under certain conditions.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the city and the Moses Lake Business Association are looking to sponsor an event on New Year's Eve. Included in the event would be a small fireworks show. There are sponsors who have come forward to cover the cost. The

problem is that the city ordinances specifically prohibit fireworks on New Year's Eve. It will be a smaller show than on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and would be staged at Sinkiuse Square and probably held about 10 p.m.

The ordinance amending Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 8.04 entitled "Fireworks" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION - ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Liebrecht expressed concern that some of the members of the Planning Commission are not attending a majority of the meetings.

It was the consensus of the Council that a letter be sent to the Planning Commission concerning attendance at meetings.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS - None

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:05 p.m. and the Council met at 8:10 p.m. in a 5 minute executive session with the City Attorney to discuss litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Lane, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director