

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
April 10, 2012

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sophia Guerrero, Executive Secretary, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the March 27 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 the Civic Center. As of April 10, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount \$604,205.53; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$2,378.67, \$30,063.17, and \$12,144.51; claim checks in the amount of \$499,546.35; and payroll in the amount of \$4,466.21.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOSES LAKE FARMERS' MARKET - SIGNS/USE OF SINKIUSE SQUARE/STREET CLOSURE

The Moses Lake Farmers' Market requested permission to place signs advertising the Farmers' Market around the downtown area, and on May 26 to use Sinkiuse Square and to close one half of Ash Street. The use of Sinkiuse Square and the closure of Ash Street on May 26 would coincide with the Spring Festival.

Bruce Bailey, representing the Farmers' Market, stated that the signs would only be placed out on the Saturday and Wednesday's when the Market is in operation. He mentioned that on May 26 the Farmers' Market would like to operate out of Sinkiuse Square and to close Ash Street from Third Avenue to the entrance to Sinkiuse Square.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the request to place the signs be granted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request to use Sinkiuse Square and to close one half of Ash Street on May 26 be granted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

SEPTIC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS - HASH

Ken Hash, 9848 Highland, submitted a letter stating that he has recently put in a new septic tank at a cost of over \$6,000. The City recently constructed sewer in this area and it will cost around \$4,000 to connect. He did not feel he should be required to connect to city sewer at this time.

Mr. Hash stated that he was told by the City in 2009 that the sewer main could be constructed in 6 months to 4 years and that the City told him to install his septic tank and now the City wants him to connect to the sewer main at an additional cost of about \$4,000.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, provided a time line of the events surrounding the installation of a new septic system by Mr. Hash and the City's construction of the Longview Sewer Project. He mentioned that

Mr. Hash obtained a permit in April 2009 to construct his new septic system. The City completed the sewer project in November 2011 and notified all affected property owners of the requirement to connect in March 2012. He stated that in order to connect to the City's system Mr. Hash would have to install about 60' of 4" sewer line from the house to the stub out.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, explained the City's requirement for property to connect to the sewer system.

There was some discussion about the issue of requiring home owners to connect to City sewer.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request be tabled until after further discussion on the issue, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.57 - LANDSCAPING - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which changes the landscape requirements to reduce the number of landscape alteration requests and addresses partially developed lots.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.57 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Landscaping" was read by title only.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.58 - SIGNS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was submitted which amends the sign code to permit directional signs for a public facility with a maximum height of 8' and 35 square feet in area.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.58 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Signs" was read by title only.

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

#### RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - MARIAH VASQUEZ

A resolution was presented which accepts a donation of a painting entitled "My Quest" from Mariah Vasquez. The painting was done as her senior project.

The resolution accepting a painting from Mariah Vasquez was read by title only.

Mariah Vasquez, the artist, explained the concept of the painting.

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

#### RESOLUTION - BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY - RATHBONE SALES, INC.

A resolution was presented which would allow Rathbone Sales, Inc. to construct a new storage building to replace a shop that was damaged by fire.

The resolution allowing Rathbone Sales, Inc. to build on unplatted property was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, pointed out that the resolution requires that the property be platted within one year.

Doug Rathbone, representing Rathbone Sales, mentioned that a fire on March 17 destroyed the back portion of their building and since then they have been broken into twice. Because of these thefts they wish to construct a securable building and the intent is to plat the property.

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

#### REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS

##### LONG LINE STRIPER

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for a long line striper. This will replace the 1979 long line striper that the Street Division is currently using.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the request be granted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

##### SEWER LINING PROJECT

Staff requested authorization to call for bids for the 2012 Sewer Lining Project. This project consists of lining approximately 27,000 linear feet of 8" and 10" concrete sewer pipe in the Larson area.

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

##### REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

##### OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - None

##### NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

##### COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

##### CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

##### GAMBLING REPORT

The city received \$83,206.45 in gambling tax income for the first quarter of 2012.

##### INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$18,674.69 in investment income for March 2012.

##### SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$331,644.01 in sales tax and \$28,091.94 in transient rental income in March 2012.

##### POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Dean Mitchell, Police Chief, gave a presentation on the functions of the Police Department.

##### TAX INCREASE

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that, according to a newspaper article, Mayor Hemberry from Quincy has approached the County Commissioners to place on the ballot a 3/10 of 1% sales tax initiative. The funds would be used to pay for law enforcement and criminal prosecution. He stated that he reviewed the statute that Mayor Hemberry was citing and found that such an initiative would require that 60% of the taxation funds would go the county and 40% would be split between the cities on a per capita basis.

COLUMBIA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that during previous presentations to the Council by the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area, the possibility of forming an aquifer protection area was suggested because funding from the federal, state, and local jurisdictions was disappearing. Any proposed tax to raise funds for the aquifer protection area would have to be initiated by the County Commissioners of all four affected counties and would require an affirmative vote of the residents of all four counties subject to the aquifer protection area.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m. and the Council met in a 15 minute executive session to discuss potential litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 9 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

ATTEST

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Dick Deane, Deputy Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Acting Finance Director