

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2012

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Avila led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the April 10 meeting were presented for approval.

Accept Grant - Traffic Safety Commission: Authorization was requested to accept a child car seat grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission in the amount of \$30,000. The grant provides funding for patrols, training, advertising, and educational materials on child car seats and will be administered by the Central Basin Traffic Safety Task Force.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Dr. Curnel, 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 the Civic Center. As of April 24, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount \$461,761.49; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$3,518.49, \$20,603.98, \$20,603.98, and \$61,179.71; claim checks in the amount of \$1,316,937.30; and payroll in the amounts of \$323,659.23.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Council confirmation was requested for the re-appointment of Larry Dennis and Charleen Rios to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the re-appointment of Larry Dennis and Charleen Rios be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES

WASTEWATER TELEMETRY PROJECT

The City received two bids for the 2012 Wastewater Telemetry Project. The project includes new radios, controllers, and interface units for 24 lift stations; upgrades to the remote telemetry units and radios for the Larson and Sand Dunes wastewater treatment plants; and supervisory control and data acquisition programming at the Central Operations Facility.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the bid be awarded to Inland Northwest Electric in the amount of \$186,799, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

STORM SEWER CAMERA PACKAGE

The City received two bids for the Storm Sewer Camera Package. This equipment will allow the Stormwater Division to video the inside of the stormwater mains. The low bidder contained five exceptions and does not substantially meet the material terms of the bid specifications. The second low bidder had one minor exception and staff requested that the exception be waived and the bid be awarded to RJM.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, explained the five exceptions from the low bidder and mentioned that it is critical for the efficient operation of the City's system that those items not be excepted. The one exception from the second low bidder is not material.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the bid from Solid Waste Systems be rejected as it does not materially meet the bid specifications and that the minor exception taken by RJM be waived and the bid be awarded to RJM in the amount of \$32,237, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSCODE ENFORCEMENT - LOERA

A letter from Linda Loera, 1323 E. Hope Court, was read in response to a request by the City to move a boat to an improved parking surface and to refrain from living in a recreational vehicle. The letter mentioned that the boat has been moved to the driveway and that her extended family was only sleeping in the recreational vehicle. She requested an additional 90 days to rectify the living situation.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that Ms. Loera has family living in a recreational vehicle. She has contacted the City and indicated that she would be taking care of the situation by the end of the week, so no Council action is required.

VISION 2020 - CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

Vision 2020 has scheduled the 10th Annual City Wide Clean Up for Saturday, May 5, 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. Reese moved that the request be granted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

USE OF SINKIUSE SQUARE/STREET CLOSURES - MOSES LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Moses Lake Business Association requested the use of Sinkiuse Square and the closure of Third Avenue from Ash to Beech and the 200 and 300 blocks of Ash Street Friday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for public viewing of about 10 boats from the Solar Cup event. Music will also be provided in Sinkiuse Square.

Marianne Kirwan, Executive Director, Moses Lake Business Association, stated that the boats will be on public display. She mentioned that she has contacted all the affected businesses and there were no objections and several of the businesses will be open for the event.

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

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

Dr. Mathew Manweller was introduced as he is currently running for the Washington State Legislature to replace Rep. Bill Hinkle. He provided some background on his past experience.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 3.62 - UTILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which increases the utility system development charges. These charges help pay for upgrades to the Larson and Sand Dunes Treatment Plants, reservoirs, sewer lining projects, and numerous wells and lift stations.

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

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

ORDINANCE - CREATE 16.71/DELETE 16.70 - INTERCEPTORS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which creates Chapter 16.71 entitled "Interceptors" and deletes Chapter 16.70 entitled "Interceptors". The new chapter is proposed due to the large number of changes in the current chapter. The changes update the nomenclature and streamline the verbiage to make the chapter more efficient for the public and staff.

The ordinance creating Chapter 16.71 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Interceptors" and deleting Chapter 16.70 entitled "Interceptors" was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONSUSE OF LARSON PLAYFIELD AND CAMPING - BMX

The Moses Lake BMX Organization requested permission to utilize the BMX track at the Larson Recreation Center for their Race for Life and State Championship Race on May 27 and 28 and to allow camping adjacent to the BMX track during these races. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that permission be granted to allow camping as proposed.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the request to use the BMX track and the camping be granted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONSIGNS

Staff requested direction on the use of temporary signs referred to as a feather or tear drop sign. These signs are usually located within City right-of-way in the existing holes in the sidewalks. Currently there are no regulations addressing these types of signs.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that one of these signs blew out into the City right-of-way and that triggered considerable staff discussion on these type of signs. These signs sometimes display the name of the business or display a product name.

There was considerable discussion and it was the consensus of the Council and that the Planning Commission study the issue.

REQUEST FOR CITY SERVICES - CONTRERAS

Felipe Contreras requested permission to connect 4647 Grape Drive to City services without annexing the property to the City. While the property is within one half mile of the City's limits, it would be impractical to annex the property since the portion of Grape Drive adjacent to the lot would have to be annexed and it would be very difficult for the City to maintain this short section of street.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that it be found to be impractical to annex the property into the City and that the request for City services be granted with the stipulation that an Extra Territorial Utility Agreement be required, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

POLICY - ARTWORK

A proposed policy dealing with gifts or loans of artwork was presented.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that a committee is needed to review the gifts or loans and suggested a multi-department committee to make recommendations to the Council about the artwork.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the City Manager be authorized to gather a group of city employees who are artistically inclined to assist in making a recommendation to the Council on the gifts or loans of artwork and the policy be adopted, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCOUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSGRANT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

The Grant County Health District provided their annual report.

COLUMBIA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

Information was provided from the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area concerning the creation of an Aquifer Protection Area.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, explained some of the concerns and issues with an Aquifer Protection Area and suggested that the issue be discussed by the Association of Grant County Cities and Towns.

STATE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the state solved its budget crisis by reducing revenues to the cities and counties. He mentioned that the City will lose about \$150,000 from state revenue sharing and there will be probably more changes in 2013.

WELL CITY AWARD

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the City has received a Well City Award which translates into a 2% reduction in medical insurance premiums which amounts to about a \$40,000 savings.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The March 2012 Building Activity Report was presented.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The first quarter financial report has been posted on the City's website.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Spender Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a presentation on the functions of the Parks and Recreation Department.

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the City received a copy of the Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Colville Confederated Tribes' proposed travel plaza in Moses Lake.

He went over some of the issues in the Environmental Assessment that staff will be discussing and requested the Council review the document and provide any comments concerning this development.

The regular meeting was recessed at 9 p.m. and the Council met in a 20 minutes executive session with the City Attorney to discuss the potential litigation. The executive session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Acting Finance Director