

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
July 24, 2012

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Liebrecht led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

SERVICE AWARDS

Years of Service pin for 10 years of service with the City was given to Derek Beach. Years of Service pin for 15 years of service with the City was given to Marcy Maslen. Years of Service pins for 20 years of service with the City were given to Gilbert Alvarado, Bob Taylor, Brett Bastian, Shawn O'Brien, Ramiro Munoz, David Sands, and Richard Bisnett. A Years of Service pin for 25 years of service with the City was given to Clair Harden.

VISION 2020 AWARD

Mr. Ecret presented a Vision 2020 Award to Westco Paint and Equipment Supply located on West Broadway.

DOE - INTERNATIONAL PAPER/LARSON TREATMENT AWARD

Mike Hepp, Compliance Officer, Department of Ecology, presented an award to the City for perfect compliance with state regulations in 2011 for the Larson Wastewater Treatment Plant. He mentioned that it is very difficult for a wastewater treatment facility to earn this award and he commended the employees that work in this division.

Mr. Hepp also presented an award to International Paper and the City of Moses Lake for their cooperative efforts in solving the problem of black water in the Sand Dunes Wastewater Treatment Plant and to remove the fine particles of ink from the discharge from International Paper to the City's treatment plant.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Accept Work - Civic Center Parking and Landscaping Project: Oceanside Construction has completed work on the 2011 Civic Center Parking Lot and Landscaping Project. This project included the construction of two parking lots, street improvements, irrigation systems, and landscaping fencing for the Civic Center. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Mr. Lane, 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 July 24, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$660,452.7; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$74,007.44 and \$17,949.45; claim checks in the amount of \$1,591,963.75; and payroll in the amount of \$384,419.85.

Dr. Curnel questioned the payment to Redflex. Bob Taylor, Acting Finance Director, explained the expense.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTESLONG LINE STRIPER

The City received three bids for the long line striper.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the bid be awarded to M. B. Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$255,221, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

STRATFORD ROAD CROSSWALK PROJECT

The City received one bid for the Stratford Road Crosswalk Project. The project includes a mid-block crossing with pedestrian warning beacons, reduced crosswalk width at Knolls Vista, and associated sidewalk, striping, stormwater, and miscellaneous work. The project is funded by a \$150,000 Washington State Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer, stated that work will cost more than the grant award so the City will have to expend about \$25,000 to complete the project.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the bid be awarded to Neppel Electrical and Controls, LLC in the amount of \$135,511, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSREQUEST FOR DEFERRAL - FIROUZI

Reza Firouzi requested a deferral of the subdivision requirements associated with the proposed construction of a building at 631 Atlantic Street, Lot 12, Block 2, Vance Emery Plat. The existing infrastructure improvements do not meet current community standards as Atlantic Street is gravel and there are no curbs, gutters, or sidewalks. The request is to defer the street improvements at this time.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the parcel has been platted for many years but does not meet current city codes. If the request is granted, a covenant would be required for the improvements in the future.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that a covenant be provided for future improvements, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND CHAPTER 18.20 - RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SINGLE READING

It has come to the attention of the Community Development Department that the prior amendments to the footnotes for Table 2 in Section 18.20.050 were in error. The initial intent of the amendments were to allow appurtenances within the rear yard setback only. However, as the ordinance currently reads, appurtenances may also be allowed to encroach within the front yard setbacks.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.20 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Residential Zones" was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, provided the background for the original change to the regulations to allow appurtenances to encroach into the rear yard setback. He mentioned that the City has received a request to encroach within the front yard set back. To clarify the intent of the ordinance to only allow encroachment in the rear yard setbacks, the Council should declare an emergency and adopt the ordinance on a single reading.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that an emergency be declared and the ordinance be adopted on a single reading, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - AMEND CHAPTER 18.58 -SIGNS - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which includes feather and/or tear drop signs under the temporary sign provisions. At the first reading of the ordinance the Council requested that language be included to provide measures to secure the signs to the surface they are attached to. Staff could not find any reasonable means to do this and have not included any measures so the security of the sign is left to the owners.

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

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the Planning Commission discussed the issue of feather and/or tear drop signs and it was felt they were a good advertising tool. The Commission wished to allow the signs so they were added under the temporary sign regulations.

There was some discussion by the Council which was concerned about the liability on the part of the City.

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

RESOLUTION - PETTY CASH FUND

A resolution was presented which increases the petty cash fund for the Parks and Recreation Department to \$1,500. The increase is needed because of the added demand during the weekends due to the expansion at the Surf n' Slide Water Park.

The resolution increasing the petty cash account in the Parks and Recreation Department was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - CORBETT

A resolution was presented which accepts a donation of \$500 in memory of Myrna K. Corbett. The monies are to be used to purchase a park bench from the Parks Department Gifts and Memorial Catalog which will be placed at the Civic Center Park.

The resolution accepting donations totaling \$500 in Memory of Myrna K. Corbett for the purchase of a park bench from the Moses Lake Parks Gifts and Memorials Catalog was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONWORK OFF HOURS - FIVE CORNERS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Neppel Electric and Controls requested permission to work between 10 p.m and 7 a.m. to complete the wiring for the signal heads at the Five Corners intersection. This will help complete the work when there is less traffic congestion. The late night work would take place on September 7, 8, and 9, 2012.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the request to work between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. be granted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CHIP SEAL REPAIR UPDATE 2010

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the 2010 Chip Seal work has been repaired satisfactorily and the City has begun the striping process.

WATER/SEWER RATE AND CHARGE INFORMATION

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided the history on the rate increases for the water and sewer services and a comparison with other cities.

GAMBLING REPORT

The city received \$89,736.08 in gambling tax income for the second quarter of 2012.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$18,260.33 in investment income for June 2012.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$399,414.06 in sales tax and \$35,334.86 in transient rental income in June 2012.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Acting Finance Director