

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
November 13, 2012

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Captain Sands led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the October 23 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 November 13, 2012 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$1,353,314.01; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$10,879.72, \$80,312.03, and \$105,495.61; claim checks in the amount of \$883,849.66; and payroll in the amounts of \$322,599.12, \$5,294.04, and \$319,415.53.

Accept Work - Stratford Road Crosswalk Project: Neppel Electric and Controls, LLC has completed work on the 2012 Stratford Road Crosswalk project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Accept Work - Division Street Lift Station Project: William Charles West has completed work on the 2012 Division Street Lift Station Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Accept Work - Central Operations Facility Improvement Project: Selland Construction, Inc. has completed work on the 2011 COF Improvement Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

Blackstone Preliminary Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Blackstone OTR LLC has submitted an application for a one-lot plat of 27.34 acres at 8037 Randolph Road. The site is zoned Heavy Industrial, which corresponds with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Industrial. A deferral was requested for street improvements. The Planning Commission recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with conditions. The Findings of Fact were presented for approval.

Rathbone Preliminary Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Rathbone Sales, Inc. submitted a preliminary plat of 7.48 acres at 3860 E. Broadway. There is an existing agricultural and equipment sales facility on site. The site is zoned Heavy Industrial, which corresponds with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Industrial. Deferrals were requested for sidewalk improvements, connection to water and sewer, and moving the existing driveway location to meet Community Standards. A deviation was requested for lot configuration. The Planning Commission recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with conditions. The Findings of Fact were presented for approval.

Blue Heron Park Final Major Plat and Findings of Fact: The City of Moses Lake has submitted a final plat for a one-lot plat of 76.5 acres at 111 Westshore Drive, the existing Blue Heron Park and the undeveloped City-owned property to the north. The site is zoned Public and the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation is Parks/Open Space. There have been no significant changes from the preliminary plat. The Planning Commission recommended that the final plat be approved with conditions. The Findings of Fact were presented for approval.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Ecret requested confirmation of the appointment of David Enquist to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the appointment be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE - 2013 BUDGET - 1ST READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was presented which establishes the budget for 2013.

The ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington for the year of 2013 was read by title only.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

A letter was read from the North Central Regional Library concerning the need to make the restrooms in the library handicapped accessible and the need for painting the outside of the building.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that staff has investigated the remodeling of the building but those improvements were put on hold because of the possibility of major changes to the building. He mentioned that staff has considered remodeling the restrooms in the staff area into a unisex restroom for the public. The access would be through the staff work area. The building is scheduled to be painted in 2013.

There was considerable discussion about past proposed improvements to the library.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the first reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Avila, 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 and sets the tax levy rate.

The ordinance fixing the amount to be received for municipal purposes from taxations on assessed valuations on property within the City of Moses Lake, Washington for 2013 was read by title only.

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

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 2013 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 - 2012 CONCERT SERIES

A resolution was presented which accepts the donations from various businesses and organizations for the 2012 Centennial Theater Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Parks Program.

The resolution accepting contributions for the City of Moses Lake Centennial Theater Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Parks Program was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - EKA CHEMICALS

A resolution was presented which accepts the donation of three self-contained breathing apparatus face pieces and four pack frames for the Fire Department valued at \$3,000.

The resolution accepting a donation of self-contained breathing apparatus face pieces and pack frames from Eka Chemical was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - PHILLIPS

A resolution was presented which accepts the donation of flooring and cabinet doors valued at \$2,300 from Todd Phillips. These items will be repurposed and utilized in the construction of displays at the Moses Lake Museum and Art Center.

The resolution accepting a donation of bamboo flooring and maple cabinet doors valued at \$2,300 from Todd Phillips was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT PARC GRANT FUNDS

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$15,000 grant from the Grant County Prevention and Recovery Center (PARC). The funds will be used to provide training from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for police officers who will work with PARC on enforcement strategies such as compliance checks, party intervention patrols, and source investigations.

The resolution accepting a grant from the Grant County Prevention and Recovery Center was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONPOWER POINTE #2 AND #3 PRELIMINARY PLATS - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Gary Mann, on behalf of the owners, has requested the extension of preliminary plat approval for the Power Pointe 2 and Power Pointe 3 Plats. These preliminary plats were approved December 13, 2005 and that approval will expire December 13, 2012.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the property has been recently purchased and the new owner is requesting the extension of the plat approvals. He pointed out that only one extension is allow and if no action is taken on the plats, they will become null and void on December 2013.

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

SIGN PLACEMENT STANDARDS

Several changes were proposed to the Sign Placement Standards that would require political signs on city-owned property be limited to 30 days prior to the primary and general elections and that they be removed within 5 days after those elections.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that signs on City property interfere with the staff's ability to provide maintenance on the sites such as weed control and mowing.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the changes to the sign placement standards be approved, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSWCIA 2012 ANNUAL REVIEW AND AUDIT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided the report of the annual review and audit conducted by the Washington Cities Insurance Authority.

2013 COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, suggested either February 22 and 23 or March 1 and 2 for the 2013 Council/staff retreat.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, pointed out that the Council's second meeting in December is scheduled for Christmas Day and suggested that the meeting be rescheduled to December 27.

It was the consensus of the Council that the meeting be changed to December 27.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The October 2012 Building Activity Report was presented.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$14,788.43 in investment income for October 2012.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$455,185.85 in sales tax and \$57,117.62 in transient rental income in October 2012.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8 p.m. and the Council met in a 20 minute executive session to discuss labor relations. The executive session was adjourned 8:20 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

WAGES INCREASES FOR 2013

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the Police Department Guild members will receive a 2% wage increase according to contract and that the Fire Department union members will receive a 2.5% wage increase according to their contract.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the City of Moses Lake Association Members and exempt staff, including the City Manager, receive a 2% wage increase, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director