

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
February 26, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jasmyne DeBeaumont, Moses Lake Business Association Director, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

VISION 2020 AWARD

Mayor Ecret presented a Vision 2020 Visionary Award to Washington Trust Bank for their recent building remodel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the February 12 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 February 26, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$275,831.99; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$158,520.39 and \$103,238.01; claim checks in the amount of \$1,095,778.18; and payroll in the amount of \$313,662.48.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

REQUEST TO USE CITY STREETS - MOSES LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Moses Lake Business Association requested the closure of Third Avenue from Beech to Cedar and the 200 and 300 blocks of Ash Street on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22 for the Basin BBQ Bash. The request also includes the use of Sinkiuse Square, a beer garden on Ash Street, discharge of grey water into the city sewer system, the BBQ team members be allowed to stay in self-contained vehicles overnight in the Surf n' Slide parking lot, and the City absorb the dump fees.

Marianne Kirwin, Moses Lake Business Association, stated that the Basin BBQ Bash will be a two day event again this year and there should be between 5,000 and 8,000 people for the event.

Mayor Ecret was concerned about closing the street and felt that a survey of the downtown businesses affected should be conducted since a number of business owners have indicated that they lost business last year.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved the request be granted, seconded by Mr. Reese, and failed with Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mr. Deane in favor and Dr. Curnel, Mr. Avila, Mrs. Liebrecht, and Mayor Ecret opposed.

The Moses Lake Business Association was requested to survey those businesses who would be affected by the street closure and provide the results to the City.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.58 - SIGNS - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which allows for the placement of wayfinding signs.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.58 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Signs" 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 - CREATE 8.27 - COST RECOVERY - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which states the intent of the City to charge for hazardous materials and motor vehicle incidents clean up as allowed by state law.

The ordinance creating Chapter 8.27 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Cost Recovery" was read by title only.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the reason for the ordinance is to try to relieve the extraordinary expenses against the general tax payer and to have whoever is responsible pay for the costs. Most of the costs will be covered by insurance companies.

There was some discussion by the Council on what costs would actually be covered and who would actually pay for the clean up.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 13.12 - WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER RATES - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which clarifies language related to joint charging.

The ordinance amending Chapter 13.12 of the Moses Lake Municipal code entitled "Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates" was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - TRAFFIC GRANT

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$1,500 grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. The funds will be used to replace a traffic radar unit.

The resolution accepting a Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Grant (WASPC) was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONGRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - CONTRACT

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the 2013 Municipal Services Agreement with the Grant County Economic Development Council.

Mr. Lane, a member of the Grant County EDC, provided information on its activities.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCOUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSAUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager provided a report from the Police Department on the City's Automated Traffic Enforcement Program.

Chief Mitchell mentioned that the general public supports this program and it allows the police officers to concentrate on other enforcement activities. He pointed out that the cameras are a 24-7 enforcement tool and it would require two officers to monitor an intersection and then for only short periods of time.

iFIBER COMMUNICATIONS - FRANCHISE

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that iFiber Communications has defaulted on its responsibilities under the granted franchise. A public hearing has been scheduled for March 12 before the City Council to determine what sanctions shall be applied as a result of the default.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The January 2013 Building Activity Report was presented.

POLICE CHIEF - PLAQUE

Mayor Ecret presented Police Chief Dean Mitchell a plaque for his 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Moses Lake.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session with the City Attorney to discuss 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

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director