

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
May 28, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Drevin Rigby, Boy Scout Troop 55, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the May 14 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 May 28, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$232,016.91; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$75,738.59 and \$156,326.40; claim checks in the amount of \$1,607,102.44; and payroll in the amount of \$337,713.54.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

AIRPORT COMMISSION AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Ecret requested confirmation of the re-appointments of Delone Krueger and Lewis Mason to the Airport Commission and Charles Maynard to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD STORES

The Moses Lake High School Youth Action Team requested time before the Council to present their findings from a recent Community Assessment of Neighborhood Stores concerning the advertising and sale of alcohol in the City of Moses Lake.

Carolyn Pence, Grant County Prevention Specialist, provided the results of the assessment of neighborhood stores. The assessment looked at the signage for and location of alcohol in the stores and found that many stores locate tobacco and alcohol at eye level to children and near candy and toys. She explained that the purpose of the Youth Action Team is to remind their friends to stay sober and to keep them away from alcohol and other substances.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 8.04 - FIREWORKS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which prohibits the lighting and/or releasing of sky lanterns in the City of Moses Lake.

The ordinance amending Chapter 8.04 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Fireworks" was read by title only.

Fire Chief Tom Taylor stated that the county has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use of sky lanterns and recommended that the City follow suit as the sky lanterns are a serious fire hazard. He pointed out that once the sky lanterns are launched, they are at the mercy of the wind and can cause fires if they are blown into a tree, roof, or other flammable area.

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

RESOLUTION - ESTABLISH RATES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

A resolution was presented which establishes rates for emergency medical and ambulance services provided by the City of Moses Lake.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided a comparison of the existing rates to the proposed rates.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese 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 CONSIDERATIONLIFT STATION PROJECT 2013 - REQUEST TO WORK OFF HOURS

The City's Engineering Division requested permission for the contractor for the Lift Station Project to work at 619 Stratford Road between the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. on May 28 and 29. The work includes cutting the water main and installing an in-line water valve. Performing the work after 10 p.m. will minimize the impacts to several businesses. The closest residential home is approximately 325 feet away.

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

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

REIMBURSEMENTS 2013

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided the increase in the water, sewer, storm water, and street reimbursements. These amounts are increased each year by the January to January CPI.

TAXES

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Grant County Treasurer has indicated that the City has the authority to assess an additional one quarter of 1% on real estate transactions. He explained how the one quarter of 1% tax would work.

Mr. Deane requested that staff draft an ordinance to allow the City to collect the one quarter of 1% on real estate transactions.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$16,055.90 in investment income for April 2013.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director