

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
June 25, 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: Dr. Curnel led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION

The proclamation designating July as Park and Recreation Month was read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the June 11 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 June 23, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$1,128,245.01; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$51,079.97 and \$38,383.19; and claim checks in the amount of \$1,153,369.62.

Crossroads 5 Final Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Hayden Homes submitted a thirty-one lot final plat of 13.8 acres abutting SR-17 and north of Nelson Road. The site is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, which corresponds with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Residential. There have been no significant changes from the preliminary plat. The Planning Commission recommended that the final plat be approved with conditions. Council's approval of this decision incorporates and adopts the Findings, Conclusion and Decision of the Planning Commission.

Accept Work - 2013 Sewer Main Spot Repair Project: POW Contracting, Inc. has completed the work for the 2013 Sewer Main Spot Repair Project. The work should be accepted and the 60 day lien period entered into.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 2.44 - PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which reduces the size of the Park and Recreation Commission from nine members to seven members

The ordinance amending Chapter 2.44 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Park and Recreation Commission" was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - BUDU RACING

A resolution was presented which accepts \$1,000 from BUDU Racing, LLC. The funds are to be used for recreation programs and facilities.

The resolution accepting a cash donation of \$1,000 from Rory and Deanna Muller of BUDU Racing, LLC was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - AIRPORT GRANT

A resolution was presented which guarantees matching funds if the City receives a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division for the rehabilitation and maintenance of pavement at the Moses Lake Municipal Airport.

The resolution to the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division guaranteeing grant match money availability was read by title only.

There was some discussion on the process and time frame for completing the work,

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT GRANT - WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A resolution was presented which accepts three grants from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. The grants will be used to purchase and install flashing lights.

The resolution accepting a grant to the City of Moses Lake from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission was read by title only.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that the lights will be installed for Chief Moses Middle School, Peninsula Elementary, and Garden Heights Elementary.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS

DOG PARK

The Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park discussed the issue of a dog park with the Parks and Recreation Commission which recommended that the City Council support the concept of a dog park on city-owned property on Central Drive.

Rick Serra, chairman of the Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park Committee, stated that dog parks are a growing trend and the project will benefit the community.

Greg Becken, Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park, gave a power point presentation on the proposed dog park and mentioned that once it is established they would continue to work to maintain and improve it and to establish additional dog parks.

There was some discussion by the Council on location, financing, and maintenance.

Mia Adkinson, 930 Hawthorne, stated that she is in favor of the dog park.

Mrs. Liebrecht and Dr. Curnel were in favor of the dog park but not the location since it has been proposed for a satellite fire and police station.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the concept of the dog park be approved, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

USE OF CITY PROPERTY - MARCHFOURTH MARCHING BAND

The MarchFourth Marching Band is performing in McCosh Park on August 3 and have volunteered to camp overnight rather than have the City pay to put them up in a hotel.

Spencer Grigg, Park and Recreation Director, mentioned that the cost of the hotel room for the 24 member band would run about \$2,000 and the offer to camp in the park came from the band.

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

REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Police Department requested the use of Sinkiuse Square and the closure of Third Avenue from Beech Street to Ash Street on August 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. in honor of National Night Out, which is an event designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention and to generate community support and participation in local anti-crime programs. Police employees and volunteers will provide free hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream and live music at Sinkiuse Square.

Dave Ruffin, Police Chief, stated that the event was a big success last year and there are additional entities that wish to participate this year.

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

DISABILITY BOARD - APPOINTMENT

Two members of the City Council serve on the Moses Lake LEOFF 1 Disability Board. These are two year terms and the current terms expire on July 1. Mr. Lane and Dr. Curnel are currently serving on the Board.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that Mr. Lane and Dr. Curnel be re-appointed to the Moses Lake LEOFF 1 Disability Board, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

2014 BUDGET ISSUES

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the City will be receiving about \$1,400,000 less in property tax receipts because of the ongoing issues with regard to the REC tax assessment and also be required to return about \$1,000,000 in tax rebates to REC because of the settlement agreements for prior tax years. As a result, the City will have to reduce its budget for 2014 by about \$2,800,000. He mentioned the job positions that may not be filled, the possibility of closing some recreational facilities to the public, and projects that might need to be delayed.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$16,648.17 in investment income for May.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director