

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
July 9, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ecret led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the June 25 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 July 9, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$842,504.23; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$42,153.46, \$44,284.00, and \$2,939.12; claim checks in the amount of \$1,421,389.90; and payroll in the amounts of \$362,376.64, \$4,582.34, and \$369,246.42.

Accept work - Tree Replacement Project - 2013: Matia Contractors, Inc. has completed work for the 2013 Tree Replacement Project. The work should be accepted and the 60-day lien period entered into.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mayor Ecret requested confirmation of the appointment of Laura Suesserman from Comfort Suites to the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the appointment be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION - SIX YEAR STREET PLAN - PUBLIC HEARING

A resolution was presented which adopts the amended Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

The resolution to amend Resolution 2695 Transportation Improvement Program for 2014-2019 was read by title only.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

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

#### REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY - TSUNAMI SUSHI

Dwane Lind, Tsunami Sushi, requested permission to close Third Avenue between Division and Ash on July 19, 2013 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. to accommodate their annual Elvis night for the entertainment of their patrons.

Mr. Lind stated that the performance will be the same as the previous years.

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

#### ANNEXATION - CARLILE DEVELOPMENT

Carlile Development submitted a Notice of Intent to Annex and a Petition for Annexation for 26.23 acres of property designated as Tax #7351 and located west of Randolph Road, north of Graham Road NE, and south of Tyndall Road NE.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that this property is adjacent to the City's limits and the owner requires water service and is willing to annex the property. He suggested that to expedite the annexation the Notice be receipted and accepted and the Petition be accepted.

Shane Carlile, stated that the intent is to construct warehouses and develop a small industrial park. There is an existing warehouse that was permitted under the county regulations but water is needed to supply the required restroom facilities and in order to receive city services, the property will have to be annexed.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the Notice be receipted and accepted and the Petition be accepted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

#### 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.

Greg Becken, Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park, stated that due to the concerns of the Council about the original site, the location of the dog park is being proposed at the intersection of Paxson and Murphey. This is a 10 acre parcel owned by the City but only 2 acres would be needed for the dog park to start with. He gave a presentation on the layout, amenities and time line for completion. He mentioned that they are requested the endorsement of the Council for the use of this property for a dog park.

There was some discussion by the Council on access and infrastructure improvements.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the concept of the dog park and location be approved, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - COLUMBIA BASIN WALLEYE CLUB

A resolution was presented which accepts \$2,500 from the Columbia Basin Walleye Club. The funds are to be used for the purchase of three vinyl benches, signage, and landscaping to beautify the shoreline area by the Blue Heron park fishing pier

The resolution accepting a cash donation of \$2,500 from Gary Main of the Columbia Basin Walleye Club was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY - CRAB CREEK HOMESTEAD

A resolution was presented which allows Crab Creek Homestead to build on unplatted property with the stipulation that the property be platted within one year.

The resolution allowing Moses Lake Industries to build on unplatted property was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained that the property is located behind Walmart adjacent to the lake and access would be provided through an easement through the Walmart property.

Rick Penhallurick, representing Crab Creek Homestead, stated that they would prefer not to be required to plat since city services do not need to be extended beyond the Walmart property. There are agreements in place to access the existing fire hydrants and other utilities if needed in the future. The plan is to use solar energy for power purposes.

There was considerable discussion by the Council.

Katherine Kenison, City Attorney, pointed out that the Council has the authority to grant permission to build on unplatted property without restriction or to require that the property be platted within one year but if the permission is granted to build on unplatted property without the requirement to plat, the property owner is not restricted to the use originally proposed but can develop any use allowed in the zone. She also pointed out that the permission to build on unplatted property would run with the land and platting could not be required in the future no matter what is proposed to be built on the property.

Staff was requested to bring back an amendment to the ordinance that would give Council the authority to place limitations on the building on unplatted property.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONREQUEST FOR CITY SERVICES - STEINMETZ

Lonnie Steinmetz requested permission to connect his property at 2760 Westshore to the City's water and sewer system. The lot is within one half mile of the City limits but the Council may wish to determine that it is impractical for the property owner to annex because of the intervening properties that are not within the City's limits.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the request be granted with the stipulation that an Extra Territorial Utility Agreement be required since it is impractical to annex the property at this time, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS2014 BUDGET ISSUES

Jody Truman explained that she is aware of the budget issues of the City and that the closure of the museum and the ice rink have only been mentioned as possibilities but wanted the Council to be aware of the impact such closures would have on the citizens. She mentioned that there are about 85 families who participate in hockey and so the closure of the ice rink would affect between 300 and 500 people. Also the closure of the museum and art center would be detrimental to children as it offers many different types of activities not otherwise available. She stated that she wished the Council to be aware of the concerns of the citizens during budget considerations.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, mentioned that he had provided the Council with a list of potential ways to deal with the budget issues in the next two years. He stated that the City should be fine through 2013 but that 2014 may require some reduction in services and programs.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSCENSUS

The population estimates from the Office of Financial Management were provided and showed that the City's official population for 2013 is 21,250.

WELL CITY PROGRAM

Information was provided from the Association of Washington Cities on the Well City Awards program and it was pointed out that the City received a Well City Award for 2013.

AMBULANCE REPORT

The cash report on the ambulance operations for the month of June was provided.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The June building activity report was provided.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The second quarter financial report has been posted on the City's website.

GAMBLING TAX

The City received \$84,058.73 from gambling tax for the second quarter.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$437,909.92 in sales tax and \$38,830.04 in transient rental income in June.

TREE INVENTORY

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, provided a newspaper article concerning the City of Spokane's inventory of their existing trees. The reason for the inventory was to determine whether additional trees would be beneficial to their storm water program and also placed a value on the trees on city property.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST

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Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director