

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
July 23, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Avila led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the July 9 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 23, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$784,547.39; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$3,873.33 and \$11,839.53; claim checks in the amount of \$1,375,410.46; and payroll in the amount of \$380,331.57.

Resolution - Boundary Line Adjustment - Patton Lift Station: A resolution was presented which approves a boundary line adjustment between the City and Stephen and Linda Bruns related to the Patton Lift Station located on Patton Boulevard.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

TOURISM COMMISSION

Mayor Ecret requested confirmation of the re-appointment of Brenda Teals to the Tourism Commission.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the re-appointment be confirmed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES - COMMERCIAL VENDORS AND SIGN

The Moses Lake Babe Ruth League requested authorization to utilize commercial vendors at their 14 Year Old Babe Ruth World Series on August 17-24 at Larson Playfield. The League also requested permission to place a banner behind the Larson playfield fence along West Broadway.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, pointed out that the city's concession stand sells items that are similar to those of the outside vendors.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that the proposed sign is 10' x 5' which is larger than the currently allowed 32 square feet of signage.

Jody Haddican, representing the League, stated that the sign will help direct people to the event and is the size of the signs inside the ballfield. He mentioned that they need the additional money that will be provided by the vendors in order to cover the cost of the tournament. He explained some of the costs associated with putting on the tournament.

There was some discussion by the Council.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the request to utilize commercial vendors be granted and the usual percentage to the City be waived, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

There was some discussion concerning the size and location of the banner. It was decided that a new sign would be obtained for the outside of the fence to meet the 32 square foot limitation and the 50 square foot sign could be placed on the inside the ballfield.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that a 4' x 8' two sided banner be allowed to be placed outside the ballfield, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - ANNEXATION - CARLILE DEVELOPMENT - 1ST READING ADOPTED

An ordinance was presented which provides for the annexation of approximately 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.

The ordinance annexing property commonly known as the Carlile Annexation to the City of Moses Lake, Washington, and incorporating the same within the corporate limits of the City of Moses Lake was read by title only.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Certificate of Sufficiency has been received from the Grant County Assessor so the annexation process can move forward.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 16.02 - UNPLATTED AREAS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which establishes that Council permission to build on unplatted property is personal and does not attach to the land or property and that the Council can impose conditions on the building permit for the installation or completion of utility, street, sidewalk, or other improvements.

The ordinance amending Section 16.02.040 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code titled "Unplatted Areas" was read by title only.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONREQUEST FOR CITY SERVICES - SONICO

Sonico, Inc. requested permission to connect its property located southwest of the intersection of Patton Boulevard and Randolph Road to the City's water and sewer system. The lot is within one half mile of the City limits and Sonico is aware of the requirement to annex into the City.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that an Extra Territorial Utility Extension Agreement was signed in the past but because Sonico did not connect to the City's water and sewer system, that Agreement became null and void. He pointed out that there are other properties in the area that have executed Extra Territorial Utility Extension Agreements and requested Council direction on whether or not to expand the annexation to include those properties.

A map was provided showing the existing agreements and the potential area that could be annexed.

Bea Stump, 5991 Turnkey Road, who has an interested in several properties in the proposed annexation area stated that she did not wish the property annexed, even though Extra Territorial Utility Agreements were signed many years ago. She was concerned about development costs if the property is inside the city's limits.

Bill Perdue, owner of the Sonico property, was concerned that the increase of the area proposed for annexation would delay the annexation of the Sonico property and they need to begin construction of a building on the property as soon as possible in order to be able to move their existing business from the Port property to this property.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff proceed with the larger annexation and pointed out that it would not delay the Sonico annexation request.

Action: Mr. Lane moved that the request from Sonico to connect to City services be granted with the stipulation that the property is annexed, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CITY SERVICES - COUNSELL

Darci Counsell requested permission to connect her property at 2147 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. Deane 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. Lane, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS2014 BUDGET ISSUES

Amber Tracy, 220 Lakeside, stated that she is employed by the City at the LOFT at the Larson Recreation Center and was concerned about the possibility of the closure of the Larson Recreation Center and the museum as she feels they add a great deal to the community.

Mayor Ecret pointed out that the closure of some of the City's facilities was only one of several possible things the Council may have to look at but nothing has been determined yet.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

AUDIT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the City did well in the last audit and has been given an unmodified opinion, which means there were no findings related to the audit.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$17,462.16 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