

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Luke Manzo, high school student, led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION

The proclamation declaring September 22 - 28, 2013 as Moses Lake Wellness Week was read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the August 27 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 September 10, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$1,617,846.31; prepaid claims in the amount of \$11,566.89; claim checks in the amount of \$669,865.29; and payroll in the amounts of \$375,003.99 and \$5,747.76.

Stormwater Site B Project - 2013 - Accept Work: Halme Construction completed work on the 2013 Stormwater Site B 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 - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.20 - RESIDENTIAL ZONES - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which would allow taller fences on corner lots in residential zones.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.20 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Residential Zones" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 2.46 - TOURISM COMMISSION - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which reduces the Tourism Commission from 7 to 5 members.

The ordinance amending Chapter 2.46 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Tourism Commission" was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - TRANSFER FUNDS

A resolution was presented which transfers funds from the Water/Sewer Fund to the General Fund. This transfer is proposed because of a change in a previous practice with regard to the overhead rate changed the Water/Sewer Fund for services provided by the Engineering Division, the fact that the Water/Sewer Fund pays no property taxes to the General Fund which would not be the case if the water/sewer system were privately owned, and the authority exists in the statutes for the City to transfer 4% of the cost of the water system into the General Fund as a maintenance and operating cost of the water system.

The resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Water/Sewer Fund to the General Fund in 2013 and 2014 was read by title only.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, explained the reasons for the transfer of funds.

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

RESOLUTION - AWC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

A resolution was presented which adopts the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust's Health Care Program due to a change from a fully insured benefit program to a self insured model. Due to this change there will be no increase in costs for 2014.

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

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION - ENDEAVOUR SOCCER ACADEMY

A resolution was presented which accepts a donation of \$600 from the Endeavour Soccer Academy. The funds are to be used for two soccer goals at Dano Park.

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

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - 8692 CHARLES

A resolution was presented which provides for the abatement of nuisances at 8692 Charles. The property is owned by James Weber.

The resolution determining that James D. Weber is the owner of certain real property within the City; that a nuisance requiring abatement by City forces or forces contracted by the City exists on such property; and directing the use of such forces to abate the nuisance found was read by title only.

Rick Rodriguez, Code Enforcement Officer, was sworn in and provided testimony concerning this issue.

There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is to be confirmed on a yearly basis. The current members include Debbie Doran-Martinez, Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Commission, Brenda Teals, Allied Arts, Friends of the Adam East Museum and Art Center, and Tourism Commission, Laura Suesserman, and one vacant position. Mayor Ecret is the Chairman.

Mayor Ecret mentioned that he has been contacted by someone interested in serving on this committee.

Action Taken: Mr. Reese moved that the current members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

SIGNS

Mayor Ecret suggested that some of the Liquor Control Board requirements be included in the City's sign regulations.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that the City allows 32 square feet of temporary signage. The Liquor Control Board allows 11 square feet of signage to advertize liquor. If Council wishes to change the sign regulations, staff suggested that the 32 square feet of signage remain but that advertisement for liquor be limited to 11 square feet.

There was some discussion and staff was directed to provide a proposed ordinance to amend the sign regulations.

Mrs. Liebrecht wanted to know if something could be done to encourage people to remove their garage sale signs after the sale is over.

Mr. Alvarado stated that some jurisdictions actually require that persons holding a garage sale fill out a form acknowledging that they understand the rules governing a garage sale and if the rules are violated the city can fine that person.

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CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSAMBULANCE REPORT

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

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The August building activity report was provided.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$460,309.61 in sales tax and \$49,135.32 in transient rental income in August.

ITINERANT VENDORS

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, gave the history of itinerant vendors in Moses Lake.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that the City has been working on updates to the Shoreline Master Program for about 8 years and provided information on what is required and what has been done.

ANNEXATION - SONICO

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, mentioned that the owners of property in the proposed Sonico annexation have been contacted by letter and the City has received no response as yet. A meeting was held with Titan and they were provided with a Petition for Annexation.

BUDGET

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reported that the 2013 budget is in good shape and no cuts to City departments will be made at this time.

MARIJUANA

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager pointed out that there are buffers required between marijuana sales establishments and such activities as school, parks, etc. A map was provided showing the areas that would be within the buffer area. He pointed out that the state is the entity that will issue the license to operate a retail sales outlet.

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

ATTEST

Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director