

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
September 24, 2013

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

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

DOE - LARSON AND SAND DUNES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS - AWARD

Mike Hepp, Compliance Officer, Department of Ecology, presented an award for exemplary performance to the City for perfect compliance with state regulations in 2012 for both the Sand Dunes and Larson Wastewater Treatment Plants. He mentioned that it is very difficult for a wastewater treatment facility to earn this award and he commended the employees that work in this division. He pointed out that the Larson Wastewater Treatment Plant has earned this award for the last five years.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 24, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$305,587.08; prepaid claims in the amount of \$87,057.44; claim checks in the amount of \$2,272,629.36; and payroll in the amount of \$340,565.46.

Polo Ridge #2 Preliminary Major Plat: Schneider Homes submitted a preliminary plat for 16 single family lots on 4.12 acres located north of Crestview Drive and east of Paxson Drive. The area is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, which corresponds with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential. A waiver was requested for side lot line angle for one lot and a deferral was requested to allow a temporary gravel cul-de-sac on Polo Ridge Drive. The Planning Commission recommended that the preliminary plat be approved with conditions. Council's approval of this decision incorporates and adopts the Findings, Conclusion and Decision of the Planning Commission.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the September 10 meeting were presented for approval.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the minutes be approved with the correction to show that Dr. Curnel was present, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 2.46 - TOURISM COMMISSION - 2<sup>ND</sup> 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: Dr. Curnel moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPT GRANT - WALMART FOUNDATION

A resolution was presented which accepts a \$1,500 grant from the Walmart Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase digital cameras for the police officers while on patrol.

The resolution accepting a grant from the Walmart Foundation was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS - HESTER

A resolution was presented which authorizes staff to collect the funds expended for the nuisance abatement at 2603 Texas. The property is owned by Dorothy Hester.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Dorothy Hester, as the owner of certain real property upon which the City caused abatement of a nuisance to be performed after a failure of the property owner to abate the same was read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - 3793 PENINSULA

A resolution was presented which provides for the abatement of nuisances at 3793 Peninsula. The property is owned by Yvonne Parker.

The resolution determining that Yvonne L. Parker 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.

Clair Harden, Code Enforcement Officer, was sworn in and provided testimony concerning this issue.

There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION - ABANDON EASEMENT - ANDERSON

A resolution was presented which provides for the abandonment of the 5' public utility easement on the west side of Lot 3, Moses Lake Industrial Park Replat of Lots 8 and 10, Block 4, located at 3326 Citation Road.

The resolution authorizing abandonment of an easement was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the East Columbia Irrigation District has an easement along the rear of the property and so long as there is no encroachment into their easement they have no problems with the abandonment.

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

RESOLUTION - GREAT WASHINGTON SHAKEOUT

A resolution was presented which supports the City's participation in the Great Washington Shakeout "Drop Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill on October 17 at 10:17 a.m.

The resolution of intent to participate in the Great Washington Shakeout and Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane 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 CONSIDERATION - NoneNON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCOUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSWEEDS

Mayor Ecret pointed out that there are a number of vacant lots with tall weeds that interfere with sight distance at corners. The current ordinance should be amended to address these vacant lots.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained that the current policy requires a property owner to remove weeds a distance of 10' back from the sidewalk but does not require weed removal on the entire lot.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, gave some background on the current weed removal policy.

There was considerable discussion on how to address the weeds and staff was directed to provide an amendment to the ordinance to deal with the entire lot.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSLONGVIEW TRACTS SEWER UPDATE

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that 180 lots have connected to the recently installed City sewer in Longview Tracts. The owners of the remaining 32 lots have indicated they are unable to connect because of the approximate \$5,000 cost to do so. There is a possibility that the City could establish a program to fund the cost of connection.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that such a project would be about \$180,000 and would consist of connecting the 32 lots that have not connected and charging them on their utility bills on a monthly basis over a period of time to cover the cost and interest.

There was some discussion and it was the consensus of the Council that staff proceed with financing the connecting of the 32 lots to the City sewer.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The City received \$17,287.21 in investment income for August.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST

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Bill J. Ecret, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director