

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
November 26, 2013

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Angela Mabe led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Jeff Sursely was presented to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the November 12 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 November 26, 2013 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$854,381.28; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$18,680.02 and \$41,472.55; claim checks in the amount of \$3,245,369.61; and payroll in the amounts of \$318,727.93 and \$8,996.79.

Resolution - Quit Claim Deed - PIA, LLC: A resolution was presented which accepts a quit claim deed from PIA, LLC for property adjacent to the Larson Sewer Treatment Plant.

Resolution - Accept Grant/Donations - Heron Bluff Trail: A resolution was presented which accepts a \$25,000 grant from the Columbia Basin Foundation, a \$3,000 donation from Columbia Colstor, and a \$1,000 donation from the Trails and Planning Team to help fund the Heron Bluff Trail.

Resolution - Accept Grant - Heron Bluff Trail: A resolution was presented which accepts a \$125,802 grant from the Washington State Transportation Alternatives program to construct the Heron Bluff Trail.

Pelican Way 1 Final Major Plat and Findings of Fact: Hayden Homes submitted a final plat for a 20-lot residential plat on 5.58 acres east of Wapato Drive. The site is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, which corresponds with the underlying Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential. The plat has been reduced by one lot since the preliminary plat was approved and there have been some other adjustments to the lot lines. 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.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Public Hearing: The public hearing scheduled to consider the 2013 updates to the Comprehensive Plan was rescheduled for the December 10 meeting.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - NoneCONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - NonePETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSORDINANCE - SONICO ANNEXATION - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was presented which annexes approximately 61.5 acres located adjacent to Patton Boulevard north of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and south of Randolph Road.

The ordinance annexing property commonly known as the Sonico 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.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments.

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

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

LONGVIEW TRACTS - SEWER SYSTEM - HASH

Ken Hash, owner of 9848 Highland, requested time before the Council to discuss the sewer hook up fees for his property in Longview Tracts. He provided information on the costs to connect the property to the city's sewer service and requested that the fees be waived.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that in order to waive the fees, the ordinance would have to be amended and it would apply to all properties, not just the lot belonging to Mr. Hash.

No action was taken by the Council.

PACK'S TAXI AND DELIVERY SERVICE - HOME OCCUPATION

Nathan Pack, owner of Pack's Delivery, requested a change in the City's regulations to allow for more than one vehicle used for a taxi service to be parked at the residence. He mentioned that they now have an office at 124 E. Third but at times there are still two cars used in the business at the residence.

There was some discussion on the operation of the business in a residential area and Mr. Pack was requested to work with staff on possible solutions since Council was not in favor of amending the ordinance on home occupations.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - 2014 BUDGET - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which establishes the budget for 2014.

The ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington for the year of 2014 was read by title only.

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

#### RESOLUTION - ACCEPT DONATION

A resolution was presented which accepts the donation of \$1,500 from WELfund. The funds will be used to purchase a tactical vest for the Police Department's Tactical Response Team.

The resolution accepting a donation to the Moses Lake Police Department was read by title only.

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

#### RESOLUTION - INTER-FUND LOAN

A resolution was presented which provides for a \$100,000 inter-fund loan from the Water/Sewer Fund to the Ambulance Fund.

The resolution authorizing an inter-fund loan to the Ambulance Fund 498 from the Water/Sewer Fund 410 was read by title only.

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

#### RESOLUTION - BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY - HANSEN

Mick Hansen requested permission to build a 12,000 square foot commercial shop building on unplatted property, described as Tax #9205, located south of I-90 and across from the Moses Lake Country Club. There is private water and sewer available on the site.

The resolution allowing Michael B. Hansen to build on unplatted property was read by title only.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the closest water and sewer is north of I-90. Because the area surrounding Mr. Hansen's property is owned by either the state or federal governments and development requiring water and sewer is unlikely, the City has no plans to extend water and sewer service to the area. He pointed out that connection to city sewer is not required if the property is more than 200' from a sewer main, which is the situation with this property. City water service is not required if the property has water from a system approved by the Department of Health.

There was some discussion by the Council concerning development in this area and it was pointed out that none of the property beyond Mr. Hansen's is even in the Urban Growth Area so the City is not anticipating in growth in that area.

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

#### RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS - 537 MONARCH - MARTINEZ

A resolution was presented which authorizes staff to collect the funds expended for the nuisance abatement at 537 Monarch. The property is owned by Andres and Karlene Martinez, Jr.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Andres and Karlene Martinez, Jr., as the owners of certain real property upon which the City caused abatement of a nuisance to be performed after a failure of the property owners to abate the same was read by title only.

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

#### RESOLUTION - NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS - 1421 FERN - MEDEL

A resolution was presented which authorizes staff to collect the funds expended for the nuisance abatement at 1421 Fern. The property is owned by Ray L. Medel.

The resolution establishing the billing to be imposed against Ray L. Medel, 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: Mr. Avila moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Lane, and passed unanimously.

#### REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

#### REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

#### OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

#### GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - CONTRACT

The Grant County Economic Development Council provided information on their five year strategic plan to increase employment by 475 direct high wage jobs and requested the City consider an investment of \$40,000 per year for the next five years.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, pointed out that the City contributes to the EDC and should the Council grant the request to commit \$40,000 a year for five years, the amount is still reviewed every year and can be adjusted.

Jonathan Smith, Grant County EDC, stated that they have established a five year plan for new investment, new jobs, and the expansion of existing businesses and industries.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the pledge form in the amount of \$40,000, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

#### GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT - APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ecret stated that the Grant County Health District requested the appointment of a representative from the City Council to serve on their Board of Directors for the 2014 year and he requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Dr. Curnel to the Board.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved the re-appointment of Dr. Curnel to the Board of the Grant County Health District be confirmed, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS - None

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:20 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session to discuss labor relations. The executive session was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

WAGE INCREASES FOR 2014

The City Manager explained that the firefighters who are IAFF members will receive a 2.5% increase in wages for 2014 and the Moses Lake Police Officer's Guild members will receive a 2% increase in wages pursuant to current labor agreements. He recommended that the Moses Lake Professional and Clerical Association members and exempt, non-represented staff receive a 2% increase in wages.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the members of the Moses Lake Professional and Clerical Association and exempt, non-represented staff, including the City Manager, be granted a 2% increase in wages for 2014, seconded by Mr. Deane, and passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST

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Bill Ecret, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director