

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2014

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

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.

ELECTION OF MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

A process for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor was presented for Council consideration.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the process for election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed with Mr. Lane opposed as he felt that a written vote is an unnecessary step since the votes are made public.

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director, called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Mr. Lane nominated Dick Deane for Mayor.

Dr. Curnel nominated Bill Ecret for Mayor.

Nominations were closed and ballots were distributed.

Dick Deane was elected Mayor.

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director, called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Voth nominated Karen Liebrecht for Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Avila nominated Jon Lane for Deputy Mayor.

Nominations were closed and ballots were distributed.

Karen Liebrecht was elected Deputy Mayor.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the December 30 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 January 14, 2014 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$423,063.52; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$400,296.95, \$14,885.37, \$40,010.00, and \$20,372.35; claim checks in the amount of \$1,301,798.80; and payroll in the amount of \$316,178.75.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES

STORM WATER RETROFIT PROJECT, SITE A - 2014

The City received eight bids for the 2014 Storm Water Retrofit Project, Site A. This project includes construction of a bio-filtration swale west of the railroad on East Broadway, construction of storm water mains and appurtenances in East Broadway and East Third Avenue, abandonment of existing drywells, and reconstruction of an existing outfall structure on Sage Road.

Action Taken: Dr. Curnel moved that the bid be awarded to Hurst Construction, LLC in the amount of \$296,209, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSCOLUMBIA BASIN ROLLER DERBY

Columbia Basin Roller Derby requested permission to hold a roller derby bout at Larson Skating Rink on September 27 and to be allowed to charge admission and sell merchandise at a reduced or waived sales percentage.

Benita Matheson, representing the Columbia Basin Roller Derby, stated that the Roller Derby is an asset to the community and requested Council consideration of the waiver of the City's sales percentage fees.

Rachel Grigg, representing the Columbia Basin Roller Derby, mentioned that since they are a new club it is difficult to fund the games and requested the Council consider the fee waiver.

There was some discussion by the Council on the request to waive or reduce the sales percentage to the City.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the request to waive the percentage of the sales and admission for the Columbia Basin Roller Derby bout on September 27, 2014 be granted, seconded by Dr. Curnel.

There was some additional discussion concerning the request to waive the fees to the City.

The motion passed with Mr. Lane and Mr. Ecret opposed as they were concerned about waiving fees during a city budget crisis.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - NoneREQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - NoneOTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONGRANT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Grant Transit Authority requested the appointment of a representative from the City Council to serve on their Board of Directors for the year 2014.

Mr. Lane nominated Mr. Avila, seconded by Dr. Curnel. There were no other nominations.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that Mr. Avila be appointed to serve on the Board, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed with Mr. Avila abstaining.

CIVIC CENTER/FIRE STATION USE POLICY

A revised policy for the public use of the Civic Center and Headquarters Fire Station facilities was presented. This revised policy sets the same rules and regulations for the use of the Headquarters Fire Station as are used in the Civic Center.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, explained that the current policy works very well but the Headquarters Fire Station multi-purpose room was not included in that policy. This amendment includes the Headquarters Fire Station multi-purpose room with the same general conditions for use as for the Civic Center facilities.

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

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reminded the Council of the Council/staff retreat scheduled for March 7 and 8 in the Harden Room at the ATEC Building at Big Bend Community College. He requested Council to provide staff with any issues that should be discussed at this retreat.

AGCCT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, reminded the Council of the AGCCT meeting on January 30 in Ephrata.

AMBULANCE REPORT

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

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The December building activity report was provided.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The City received \$441,278.01 in sales tax and \$41,957.82 in transient rental income in December.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

ATTEST

Dick Deane, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director