

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
June 10, 2014

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1232 led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Relay for Life: Dr. Curnel was recognized for his contributions to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the May 27 meeting were presented for approval.

Accept Work - 2014 Crack Seal Project: BCV, Inc. has completed work on the 2014 Crack Seal Project. The work should be accepted and the 60-day lien period entered into.

Accept Work - 2013 Lift Station Project: POW Contracting has completed work on the 2013 Lift Station Project. The work should be accepted and the 60-day lien period entered into.

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

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 June 10, 2014 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$946,381.03; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$33,790.08 and \$29,157.85; claim checks in the amount of \$635,754.01; and payroll in the amount of \$345,530.56.

Mr. Voth felt that with the cost of the contracted Building Inspector and an increasing need for inspection services, the City should hire a permanent employee.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the claims, bills, and payroll be approved, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES

2014 STEEL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City received two bids for the 2014 Steel Water Main Replacement Project. The project includes replacing steel water mains on East Broadway, Fifth Street, and Stratford Road, installing a hydrant on Turnkey Road, installing an electronic control valve on Wheeler Road, and associated work.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, mentioned that the bids came in higher than the engineer's estimate because the staff did not consider the amount of hand work and interaction with property owners to replace their service lines and meters on Broadway and underestimated the cost of the electrical and telemetry work for the Wheeler Road electronic control valve. He felt that the bids were fair and reasonable.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the bid be awarded to POW Contracting in the amount of \$681,366, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGSSHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM - PUBLIC HEARING

Planning Commission and staff have been working since 2004 on amendments to the existing Shoreline Master Program in order to comply with new legislation governing shoreline management. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the Shoreline Master Program be adopted.

The continued public hearing was opened. There were no comments.

Action Taken: Mr. Voth moved that the public hearing be continued to June 24, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION - BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1232 requested time before the Council to discuss banning plastic shopping bags as they are a major source of litter and do not decompose.

Several members of Brownie Troop 1232 spoke on the negative impacts of plastic bags on the environment and suggested they be banned in Moses Lake.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - VACATE RIGHT-OF-WAY - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which vacates the right-of-way on Lot 6, Replat of Lots 8 and 10, Block 4, Moses Lake Industrial Park Plat. Public utility agencies and city departments were notified and no objections were received.

The ordinance vacating a portion of right-of-way was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - AMEND 18.58 - SIGNS - 1ST READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the sign code to allow an increase in the allowable height of signs in commercial properties within 1,500' of an SR 17 interchange.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, gave the history of sign heights along state and federal highway intersections within and adjacent to the city's limits.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.58 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Signs" was read by title only.

Kim Foster, corporate counsel for ASPI Group, stated that because of the competitive nature of the retail environment is very competitive, retail stores want good exposure to the surrounding streets.

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

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - NoneREFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONPLATTING DEEMED INSUFFICIENT - BOT 174 and NELSON SHORT PLAT

Chuck and Mary Perry submitted a building permit application for Tract 174, Battery Orchard Tracts Alteration Plat located at 4180 W. Lakeshore Drive, which is a legally platted parcel.

Wayne and Leslie Piper submitted a building permit application for Lot 1, Nelson Short Plat located at 3604 W. Lakeshore Drive, which is a legally platted parcel.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, mentioned that property platted years ago was not required to install municipal improvements that are now required with current plats. In order to rectify the deficiencies, staff cannot issue a building permit for improvements on insufficiently platted property unless the properties are brought into conformance with the current codes or the City Council grants a waiver, deferral, or deviation from the requirements to install the deficient plat improvements. He mentioned that if the Council approves a waiver or deferral of those requirements, a covenant for future improvements will be required.

Mr. Perry was unsure what would be required to obtain a building permit and if other property owners in the area would be required to pay for future improvements.

Mr. Alvarado explained the process for the City to secure the construction of the required improvements to City standards at the time the City deems them necessary. He mentioned that the Council could call in the covenant when improvements are constructed and the property owner would have to participate in the cost.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the required improvements be deferred with the stipulation that covenants be required for future improvements, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed with Mr. Voth and Mrs. Liebrecht opposed as they did not feel individual property owners should be singled out to pay for future improvements.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSCODE ENFORCEMENT

Paul Boehm, 2710 W. Lakeside, thanked the Council for removing the shrubs that were encroaching on the sidewalk on West Broadway.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSAMBULANCE REPORT

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

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The May building activity report was provided.

LONGVIEW TRACTS - UPDATE

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained that out of 148 properties in Longview Tracts there are still 17 properties that have yet to permit for connection to City sewer. He mentioned that the 17 properties are owned by various individuals. He mentioned that the City has several options to address the issued. The City can issue a Notice to Comply and establish a lien on the property but that will not get the property connected to City sewer. The City can use legal means to force compliance, which is a long and costly process. Another option is for the City to discuss the problem with the Health District and request the District not allow renewal of the septic systems when they fail which would force the property owner to connect to City sewer.

There was some discussion about how to get the properties connected to City sewer and staff was directed to provide information on the options for connecting the properties to City sewer.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a presentation on the operations of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST

Dick Deane, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director