

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
November 4, 2014

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

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

2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manger, reported on the status of a preliminary 2015 budget and provided the Council with a number of possibilities available to help balance the budget.

Ryann Leonard, instructor at Big Bend Community College, read a statement suggesting the City Council not cut funding to the City's "first responder agencies".

Action Taken; Mr. Voth moved to allow the MAC Holiday Show to take place with some private sponsorship and with the City not providing for any out-of-pocket expenses, seconded by Mrs. Liebrecht and passed unanimously.

Action Taken; Mr. Ecret moved to accept the following suggestions from the City Manager

1. Eliminate wage increases for all City employees in 2015 - \$333,000
2. Not open Larsen Rec Center including ice rink - \$125,000
3. Eliminate concert series and marketing program - \$192,000
4. Eliminate fireworks display - \$16,000
5. Reduce contribution to Health District - \$20,000
6. Reduce contribution to Economic Development Council - \$20,000
7. Eliminate contribution to Wellness Program from the 2% discount the City receives in medical premiums - \$30,000

and delay consideration of the following suggestions

1. Reduce force in General Fund by 3 people at this point - \$225,000
2. Reduce subsidy to Ambulance Fund back to \$400,000 - \$100,000

until after the City has better knowledge of the real property taxes it will receive, which should be in the later part of February or the early part of March 2015, seconded by Mr. Voth, and passed with Mr. Deane opposed.

Katie Griggs, Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association, stated that at this time they cannot afford the cost of the insurance for public skating and unless the Council is willing to lease the facility for private usage, they would not pursue a lease.

The special meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST

Dick Deane, Mayor

W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director