

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
January 13, 2015

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Lane led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the December 23 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 13, 2015 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$491,898.43; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$126,985.56 and \$101,636.61; claim checks in the amount of \$1,139,055.76; and payroll in the amounts of \$2,534.67 and \$307,526.87.

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

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS - FARMERS MARKET

The Moses Lake Farmers Market Board of Directors is proposing to sponsor the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display.

Carmen Rimple, representing the Farmers Market, stated that since the City does not have the funds to put on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, the Farmers Market is proposing to raise the necessary funds and requested the City provide the location and manpower. She mentioned that they have had over 1,200 positive responses for this event and also that they intend to contact the sponsors of the summer concert series for donations.

Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the fireworks will cost \$16,000. If the entertainment and picnic are included the cost is about \$40,000.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the contract with the fireworks company is usually signed about the middle of March and once that contract is signed, the City is committed to the fireworks display and to paying the funds.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the proposal by the Farmers Market to raise the funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display be endorsed, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE SERVICE - EF RECOVERY

Lisa Rogalsy, EF Recovery, explained the ambulance billing procedures, and pointed out that an ambulance transport cost is about \$1,045 and medicare will only pay \$436 and medicaid only pay \$168. Medicare and medicaid make up 80% of the patient population and 98% of what is owed to the City is collected,.

There was some discussion by the Council concerning the collection process.

BUDGET - DALLUGE

Elisia Dalluge provided information on a solution to the City's budget problems including a share-the-care program.

Chloe Dalluge stated that she would be in favor of the share-the-care program in order to reinstate the recreational programs that have been eliminated.

There was some discussion on the budget shortfall and staff was requested to report on the logistics of a share-the-care program.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCES - AMEND 18.20, RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND 18.06, DEFINITIONS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Ordinances were presented which amend the residential zones to permit accessory dwelling units as required by the Washington State Housing Policy Act.

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.20 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Residential Zones" was read by title only.

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

The ordinance amending Chapter 18.06 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Definitions" was read by title only.

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

ORDINANCE - ZONE CHANGE - HAYDEN HOMES - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Hayden Homes has requested a zone change for 45.1 acres from C-2, General Commercial and Business, to 17 acres of R-3, Multi-family Residential, and 28 acres of R-1, Single Family Residential. The property is located east of SR-17, south of Wheeler Road, and north of the Crossroads Major Plats.

The ordinance amending Section 18.09.040 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the first reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - CREATE 3.65 AND REPEAL 17.56 - 1<sup>ST</sup> READINGS

Ordinances were presented which create 3.65, Private Street and Utility Latecomer Contracts and repeal 17.56, Reimbursement Agreements.

Gary Harer, Municipal Services Director, stated that the ordinances were proposed due to the legislative changes made in the regulations of the latecomer reimbursement fees.

The ordinance creating Chapter 3.65 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Private Street and Utility Latecomer Contracts" was read by title only.

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

The ordinance repealing Chapter 17.56 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Reimbursement Agreements" was read by title only.

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

#### ORDINANCE - AMEND 16.40 - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

An ordinance was presented which amends Chapter 16.40 Fire Department Permit Fees, in order to comply with the requirements for operational permits as outlined in the currently adopted State Fire Code.

The ordinance amending Chapter 16.40 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Fire Department Permit Fees" was read by title only.

Tom Taylor, Fire Chief, stated that the changes are significant but does bring the permit fees into compliance with the State Fire Code.

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

#### ORDINANCES - AMEND 19.06 AND 19.55 - 1<sup>ST</sup> READINGS

Ordinances were presented which make housekeeping changes to Chapter 19.06, Classification and Designation of Wetlands and Regulations for the Conservation and Protection of Wetlands, and 19.55, Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments, to bring them into compliance with state law and the current operations of the Community Development Department.

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, explained the changes to the ordinances.

The ordinance amending Chapter 19.06 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Classification and Designation of Wetlands and Regulations for the Conservation and Protection of Wetlands" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mrs. Liebrecht moved that the first reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

The ordinance amending Chapter 19.55 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments" was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Avila moved that the first reading of the ordinance 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 MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Grant County Mosquito Control District #1 requested the re-appointment of Chris Blessing to their Board.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that Chris Blessing be re-appointed to the Board of the Grant County Mosquito Control District #1, seconded by Mr. Avila, and passed unanimously.

GRANT 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 2015.

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

NEPPEL LANDING - LEASE

Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign the lease with Columbia Basin Railroad Company for the Neppel Landing and the activity path which runs along the lake shore.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the lease amount starts at \$1,000 a year and increases 3% annually during the term of the lease. The City is also required to pay the property tax.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the City Manager be authorized to sign the lease, seconded by Dr. Curnel, and passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSAMBULANCE UTILITY FEE

Dr. Ryan Leonard, 7662 Chanute Street, requested clarification on the billing of non-city residents for ambulance costs.

Tom Taylor, Fire Chief, explained the procedures for billing non-city residents.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSRESOLUTION - FAIRGROUNDS

Mr. Ecret explained that the Grant County Fairgrounds has an issue with their existing septic systems and the Department of Health has given the County until the end of January to address the issue. The County has the option of constructing sewer lagoons or connecting to the City's sewer system. In order to connect to the City's sewer system, the fairgrounds would have to be annexed and the County feels that with annexation into the City, the City could prohibit animals. He requested that the Council adopt a resolution supporting the Grant County Fair and providing that the City would pay a substantial penalty if any future City Council restricted or prohibited the traditional animal activities at the Grant County Fairgrounds. He also provided a list of fairgrounds within the state that are connected to a public sewer system and/or within a city's limits.

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that during initial discussions with the County concerning annexation into the City because of their septic system issues, the City offered an agreement to the County that would address their concerns with the keeping of animals but it was rejected by the County.

There was some discussion by the Council.

The resolution regarding the grant County Fairgrounds, annexation into the City of Moses Lake, and City of Moses Lake provided sewer service was read by title only.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The December Building Activity Report was provided.

AMBULANCE REPORT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST

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Dick Deane, Mayor

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director