

## MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

July 23, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam St., Moses Lake, Washington.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Liebrecht; Deputy Mayor Curnel; Council Members Jackson, Myers, Leonard, Riggs, and Hankins.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### SUMMARY REPORTS:

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Liebrecht thanked Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones and Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr for taking her and Deputy Mayor Curnel on a tour of the jail facility on Monday.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

##### New City Employee

Interim Police Chief David Sands introduced and administered the oath of office to Police Officer Caitlin Carter.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### City Manager Recruitment Process

Greg Prothman, Owner of The Prothman Company, provided a written proposal to the Interim City Manager and highlighted the proposal contents to Council. If hired, he would plan to do a national search, a dozen or more interviews to narrow to a small pool of candidates, facilitate an open house for the public and candidates, coordinate interview panels, and conduct background investigations. (Council direction to staff was given during Administrative Reports)

#### Criminal Justice .3% Sales Tax Initiative

Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones gave a PowerPoint presentation showing statistics and dollar figures to substantiate the need for a new facility and additional staffing. Interim Police Chief Dave Sands provided a draft wish list for City staffing if this initiative passes.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to have staff bring back a resolution for Council's support of the initiative, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
  - a. City Council meeting minutes dated July 9, 2019
  - b. Claims in the amount of \$673,900.38; claim checks in the amount of

- \$1,265,867.45; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$37,060.46; and payroll checks in the amount of \$478,521.17
- c. Award 2019 Seal Coat Project Bid
  - d. Award Stratford Rd Water Main Replacement Bid
  - e. Award Stratford Rd Signalization Project Proposal
  - f. Crossroads North Phase VI Plat Improvements Resolution 3772

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## OLD BUSINESS

### #2 MLMC 10.12.045 Prohibiting Parking on Sidewalks Ordinance 2928 – Second Presentation

First presentation occurred on July 9. Changes are being presented to increase the penalty, decrease repeat violations, and to shorten the period for compliance. Council requested staff to take extra efforts to notify the public of the changes.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2928, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### #3 MLMC Title 18 Zoning Update Ordinance 2929 – Second Presentation

First presentation occurred on July 9. The main purpose of the update is to add a new section relating to cryptocurrency mining operations, server farms, and data centers. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on June 13, 2019, and recommends approval of the amendments. Council suggested changes to bring back for consideration. There will also be a definition change to cryptocurrency as suggested by the City Attorney. A few Council Members expressed concern of the expired moratorium and discussion ensued regarding the moratorium Work Plan.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to set a new moratorium, based on the old one, for 90-days for Council to approve final amendments, second by Council Member Jackson. The motion carried 5 – 2, Council Members Myers and Leonard were opposed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### #4 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Location Lease Options

Energy Northwest provided a presentation to Council on July 9 regarding the pilot project of installing charging stations statewide. Staff included a draft Interlocal Agreement in the meeting packet.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement with the location at the library and fee based on assessed value, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Community Development Director Kris Robbins advised Council that the Port of Moses Lake has completed a Land Use Capacity Analysis for their request to the County to expand the Urban Growth Boundary. The study was provided to the City and will be used for the analyses that are needed as part of an impact fee process, as well as any modifications to the Urban Growth Area. This will be a \$50k savings for the City. Staff will now focus on completing the remaining park and fire impact fee analyses.

Finance Director Cindy Jensen distributed the annual budget message and calendar for 2020. The biggest focus in the next cycle will be to implement wage adjustments that will result from the compensation study. She also advised that staff have fallen behind on the annual financial report due to the turnover in accounting positions and lack of efficiency with the financial preparation software that has not been fully implemented. Staff wanted to inform Council of the need to hire an outside firm to complete the financial statements and to free up staff's time in order to implement the new accounting software. There will be no need for a budget amendment due to the payroll breaks in filling vacant positions.

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr requested direction from Council on moving forward with the search for a new City Manager.

Action taken: Mayor Liebrecht moved to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with The Prothman Company, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 1, Council Member Leonard was opposed.

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Riggs met with Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr, Council Member Hankins and representatives from the Housing Authority of Grant County to discuss solutions for homeless individuals and future funding opportunities under HB1406. A resolution will be presented to Council on August 13 for the City's intent to implement HB1406 for affordable housing.

Council Member Leonard commended staff for the quality of the current exhibit at the museum named Bomber Boys.

Mayor Liebrecht recognized Port of Moses Lake Executive Director Jeff Bishop for sharing their recent study and findings. She expressed appreciation to the Port and Sheriff offices for working with the city.

## ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

  
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Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST   
Debbie Burke, City Clerk