

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
August 13, 2019

**STUDY SESSION**

A study session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the 2020 Budget Goals and Priorities.

**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**

Deputy Mayor Curnel led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SUMMARY REPORTS:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Liebrecht recommended appointment of Troy White to an unexpired term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Curnel moved to affirm the appointment as presented, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Mayor Liebrecht thanked staff for the hospitality given to the Yonezawa exchange students during their visit to city facilities on August 9.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Dog Park and Lake Algae

Faith Benya, 4454 Kathy Dr NE, Moses Lake, thanked the city for installing new trees from donated funds from the Friends of Moses Lake Dog Park. She also inquired about the algae issues for pets. Staff provided an update on meetings being conducted by the Irrigation District.

Road Maintenance

Steven Benya, 4454 Kathy Dr NE, Moses Lake, expressed a concern on a safety aspect from the loose gravel remaining from a recent chip seal project. Mayor Liebrecht referred him to work on a solution with Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly.

**PRESENTATION**

**#1** North Central Regional Library System Strategic Planning

Executive Director Barbara Walters reviewed the Strategic Plan that was provided in the Council's meeting packet. They are working on securing funding to install an elevator to make the basement meeting room ADA compliant. Grant County Library Manager

Roxanne Southwood provided 2018 activity and program statistics at the Moses Lake branch, program coordination with the museum, and recent shelving improvements funded by the Moses Lake Library Foundation, Rotary, and other local contributors.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- #2**
  - a. City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 23 and 29, 2019
  - b. Bills and Checks
  - c. Lakeshore Easements Resolution 3773
  - d. Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemical Wastewater Discharge Permit
  - e. SGL Wastewater Discharge Permit
  - f. Award Coolidge Water Main Installation Bid
  - g. Reject Pioneer Sidewalk, Curb, and Catch Basin Bid
  - h. Award ADA Ramp and Stormwater Upgrades Bid

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- #3** MLMC Title 18 Zoning Update Ordinance 2929 – Third Presentation  
First and second presentations occurred on July 9 and 23. 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. Staff summarized changes made since Council's last review.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to adopt Ordinance 2929 with deletion of sections 18.74.020(5) and (7), second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- #4** Intent to Implement HB 1406 Affordable Housing Resolution 3774  
The resolution is the first step to implement a local sales tax credit against the state sales tax to help cities provide affordable housing to persons who have an income below the sixty percent median income. The sales tax credit will sunset in 20 years.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Resolution 3774, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

- #5** Support .3% Sales Tax Initiative Resolution 3775  
The proposed initiative would designate revenue to support the criminal justice system in Grant County. A successful vote will increase the city's revenue approximately \$1M specifically for Police Department support. Staff corrected the reference to RCW 82.14.450 for this resolution. Council discussed the subject for five minutes and offered the same period of time for public discussion. There were no public comments.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to adopt Resolution 3775, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 1, Council Member Myers opposed.

**#6     6708 College Parkway Request to Connect to Water and Sewer**

Ryan Doumit, dba Coco Ventures, requests approval for connecting to the city's water and sewer systems to serve a commercial training facility on parcel #171049011.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the request to connect to city water and sewer at 6708 College Parkway with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that there will be a 2.43% COLA to the solid waste contract but she does not believe there is any need to increase solid waste rates to the consumers. Figures will be evaluated again later this year. She also provided a summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report distributed to Council via email.

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr requested Council's input on the term limits for the city's official newspaper for legal notices. City Attorney Katherine Kenison provided the options for establishing the paper of record. Council concurred to opt out of the bid process and use the Columbia Basin Herald for an unlimited term. He also provided an overview of the National Night Out event.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council concurred on Council Member Jackson's suggestion to send a letter from the city in opposition of the proposed location for a new elementary school next to the municipal airport. Staff will prepare a letter for review at the next meeting.

Council Member Myers invited everyone to attend a free concert called Fireshed to be held on August 23 and 24 at McCosh Park starting at 6 p.m. A contestant from season 11 of the Voice will be performing at the music festival.

Council Member Leonard shared library programs about Medieval Knights and Didgeridoos that she has enjoyed with her son, thanked the Police for the National Night Out affair, and thanked the community for providing great activities for our kids.

Council Member Riggs encouraged everyone to attend the Grant County Fair this week. He attended the flag raising ceremony today and reports there are lots of activities and exhibits.

Mayor Liebrecht also encouraged everyone to attend the Grant County Fair and asked anyone interested in volunteering at the Lioness Spaceburger booth at the fair to contact her directly.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Liebrecht called an Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to be held for 25 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i) to discuss performance of a public employee, as well as litigation,

and there will be no further business. Mayor Liebrecht extended the session for 55 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
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Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

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Debbie Burke, City Clerk