

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2019

STUDY SESSION

A study session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan amendments. Staff gave Council two homework assignments: provide two to three sentences for a new Vision Statement and to return suggested changes to the Public Participation Plan within two weeks or sooner.

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

Moses Lake High School Senior Natalie Jaeger led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment

Mayor Liebrecht recommends appointment of B.J Garbe for an unexpired term scheduled to end December 31. The vacancy is due to a recent resignation from Cale Russell.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to confirm the appointment, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Police New Hire Oath of Office

Interim Police Chief David Sands provided a brief history about Chase Pitt and then administered the Oath of Office for his position as a Moses Lake Police Officer.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Port of Moses Lake Air Force Exercise

Port President Darrin Jackson, 7810 Andrews St. NE, Moses Lake, invited everyone to visit the Grant County Airport during the Mobility Guardian exercise that will occur day and night for the next 20 days by 150 Air Force personnel representing McChord, Fairchild, and Andrews Air Force Bases.

Moses Lake Water Quality

Chuck Perry, 4180 W Lakeshore Dr., Moses Lake, commented on the algae issue and encouraged Council to have the City join the Grant County Conservation District. On the same

subject Elisia Dalluge, 310 Loring, Moses Lake, shared her research on algae issues worldwide.

PRESENTATION

Grant County Conservation District

Associate Supervisor Harold Crose is also the Chair for the recently formed Moses Lake Watershed Council. The MLWC is developing a three year strategic plan for a systematic approach and priority to treating the algae bloom issue. The watershed covers 1.2 million acres and Moses Lake regional area is 6k acres. Following the presentation, Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District (MLIRD) Director Richard Teals as well as former MLIRD Director and former Tourism Commission Member Mary Perry provided comments in support of the GCCD and MLWC. Council asked staff to bring back the estimated cost that would be assessed on City owned property should the Council start the process for the City to join the GCCD.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated August 27, 2019
 - b. Claims in the amount of \$1,339,989.43; claim checks in the amount of \$959,453.37; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$67,903.58; and payroll checks in the amount of \$465,343.37
 - c. Accept Civic Center Glazing Project

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

OLD BUSINESS

- #2 Voucher Audit Amendment MLMC 3.40.030 Ordinance 2931 – Second Presentation
First presentation of the amendment took place in April. The changes will streamline the bill paying and council packet preparation processes, as well as bring the City up to date to current BARS Manual standards.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt the ordinance as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 6 – 1, Council Member Jackson was opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- #3 Fire Impact Fee Rate Study Ordinance – First Presentation
Staff explained the formulas used to develop the proposed impact fees, how the fee is not in addition to mitigation fees, and its relevance to the Comprehensive Plan. Local business owners Richard Penhallurick and Mark Fancher, as well as Samaratin Project Manager Joe Kunkel provided comments to Council. The ordinance will be presented for Council action on September 24.

#4 Moses Lake School District Property

MLSD is considering the purchase of a property near the Municipal Airport to build a new elementary school. Staff distributed planning documents to Council in advance of the meeting and School District Superintendent Dr. Joshua Meek brought their planning documents to the meeting for Council's review. The Council had concerns of the location for school safety, lack of pedestrian routes, and noise. Following the motion and vote, resident Larry Ledeboer provided comments to support the Council's motion.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to have staff send a letter to the School District in opposition of the proposed location for a new elementary school as discussed on August 13, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

The Mayor called a five minute recess at 9:06 p.m.

#5 Emergency Sewer Project Declaration Resolution 3780

The sewer main syphon from Northshore Drive and Broadway Avenue recently broke for the third time in recent years due to the age of the steel pipe. State law requires Council declare an emergency in order to bypass the bidding process for this project. MLIRD Director Richard Teals reported this last break and provided comments to Council.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to adopt Resolution 3780, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Council agreed to Community Development Director Kris Robbins' request to have the Mayor sign a letter of support for an affordable housing grant application.

Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly requested the Council amend the City Manager's spending authority for emergency contracts.

Action taken: Mayor Liebrecht moved to increase the authorized amount from \$100k to \$500k for this one project, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr advised that he, Council Member Jackson, Airport Advisory Board Chair Pierce, and City Attorney Katherine Kenison had their first meeting last week to discuss changes to the City's Airport Lease.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Riggs commended the Moses Lake Business Association (MLBA) for their sold out Sip and Stroll event held last weekend.

Council Member Leonard announced the Remembrance event to be held by First Responders tomorrow morning at 7 a.m. at the 9/11 Memorial next to the library.

Deputy Mayor Curnel requested construction workers not block both egresses on his street, not to use the school yard as their travel route, and to let them know they are doing a great job. He also asked staff to prepare water conservation statistics since the rationing went into effect two years ago.

Mayor Liebrecht asked staff to draft a letter of appreciation to the MLBA thanking them for maintaining the flower pots in the downtown corridor.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk