

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
September 24, 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**

Council Member Myers led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SUMMARY REPORTS:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Agenda Change

Item #3 Nuisance Abatement Resolutions have been cancelled due to compliance.

Port of Moses Lake Mobility Guard

Mayor Liebrecht was invited to attend an airport maneuver exercise and was asked to convey a warm thank you to the community for the great hospitality received by the Air Force participants.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

New Employee

Finance Director Cindy Jensen introduced and provided a brief biography about Wendy Parks the new Accounting Manager.

Budget Workshop

Interim City Manager Fuhr requested Council confirmation to schedule the 2020 Budget Workshop on Saturday, October 26.

**PRESENTATION**

Grant County Health District

Executive Director Teresa Atkinson provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the organization's goals, priorities, and funding sources. She requested Council to consider increasing the allocation of funds from the City for 2020. She also requested everyone like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GCHD.WA/>

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #1
  - a. City Council meeting minutes dated September 10, 2019
  - b. Claims in the amount of \$418,047.72; claim checks in the amount of \$53,616.89; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$2,109,443.06; and payroll checks in the amount of \$400,500.39
  - c. Employee Policies Resolution 3782
  - d. Build on Unplatted O'Reilly Resolution 3783

- e. Award On Call Airport Engineering Services Contract
- f. Boeing Wastewater Discharge Without A Connection

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### #2 Larson Rec Center Design and Budget Update

City Engineer Richard Law and Lee Driftmier provided a presentation showing the costs and layout of the proposed facility. Finance Director Cindy Jensen reviewed the memo distributed in April regarding potential allocations to fund a new facility and advised that the State has a loan program with very low interest rates. Council requested to have the funding information in the next meeting packet before they will proceed with approval of the next steps in building a Rec Center.

## NEW BUSINESS

### #3 Nuisance Abatements – Cancelled due to compliance.

### #4 SAFER Personnel Grant Resolution 3781

The Homeland Security Grant will provide funding to cover 75% of wages and benefits during the first two years and then 25% of wages in benefits in the third year for hiring three Firefighters.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to approve Resolution 3781, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### #5 LTAC Application Funding Approval

Staff thanked Executive Assistant Lia Gunderson for ensuring the applications were complete and available to the committee in advance of the meeting. The LTAC members met on September 17 to review 14 applications for funding in the year 2020. Seven applications were recommended for a portion of the requested amounts and two for the full request for a total of \$266k.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to approve the recommended funds as listed removing the Chamber of Commerce to allow for further address and questions, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 5 – 2. Council Members Jackson and Hankins were opposed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly stated there was only a reduction of 124 million gallons during water conservation months this year which is likely attributed to the wet weather this summer. He also announced that Northshore sewer main repair will begin on Monday and the Coolidge water main will begin this Thursday.

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr brought back the actual cost to city property tax would be in the amount of \$902 per year if 20% of registered voters approved to annex the Grant County Conservation District. An alternative way to join the District would be through a negotiated cost within an Interlocal Agreement. Council requested staff to post information online that spells out the responsibilities of the GCCD, the MLIRD, and the Watershed Council. Mr. Fuhr also announced that the School District has found a new location east of Highway 17 for a new elementary school.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council Member Jackson asked what the status was for helping the homeless this year. Staff replied that there is no funding for a warming shelter and funds resulting from new legislation will not be available until next year.

Council Member Myers said that Grant County Transit has made a conditional offer of employment to their next General Manager.

Council Member Leonard announced the Fireman's Breakfast being held on October 5, starting at 6 a.m.

Council Member Hankins asked if the Stratford Road project was on schedule. Staff replied yes, they will wrap up the work in November and the resurfacing will be done next year.

Mayor Liebrecht asked if the homework assignments from the September 10 Study Session could be given to another staff person and the reply was to give them to Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly. She also thanked Mr. Snoderly for agreeing to work on improving safe drop off locations for students.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

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Debbie Burke, City Clerk