

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, 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 Abby Reigstad led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Grant Transit Authority Reappointment

Mayor Liebrecht received a letter from GTA requesting Don Myers be reappointed for a 1-year term.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to confirm the reappointment, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Reappointments and New Appointments

Appointments to this committee are for a 1-year term. Mayor Liebrecht recommended reappointment of Leslie Ramsden, Cale Russell, and Tim Molitor and new appointments of Deputy Mayor Curnel and Richard Hanover.

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to confirm the reappointments and new appointments, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Municipal Airport Advisory Board Reappointments and New Appointment

Appointments to this committee are for a 4-year term. Mayor Liebrecht recommended reappointment of Richard Pearce and Tom Dent and new appointment of Finley Grant.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to confirm the reappointments and new appointment, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

WCIA 2019 Rate Increase

Deputy City Manager Gil Alvarado explained that prior staff had improperly reported property to be insured. The initial increase from WCIA's 2018 invoice was \$167k. Mr. Alvarado was able to negotiate the amount to \$83,619, only a 15% increase.

Improper Revenue Booking

City Manager John Williams advised that the State Auditors discovered former staff failed to change the booking of revenue to the month incurred vs. the month received in accordance to a change in state law 15 years ago.

New City Employee

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr provided a brief history about Joseph Enderton and then administered the Oath of Office for his position as a Moses Lake Police Officer.

UGA Amendment

The Port of Moses Lake has requested an expansion of the UGA boundary in order to access city water and sewer at their West Gate Development. A map was distributed to Council at the meeting.

Action taken: Mayor Liebrecht moved to have staff proceed with a recommendation to the Grant County Commissioners for an approval on the requested expansion of the UGA boundary as presented, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Real Estate Excise Tax Amendment, Ordinance 2919

Staff distributed an amendment to MLMC 3.27.050 at the meeting that proposed eliminating the sunset date of December 31, 2018.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 2919 as presented, second by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried 5 – 2, Deputy Mayor Curnel and Council Member Myers were opposed.

Facility Use Policy

Council provided parameters for staff to finalize a new policy for 3rd party use of the Council Chambers and other city facilities. The proposed update of the fees will be presented at the next meeting for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated December 20th
 - b. Claims in the amount of \$1,023,275.16; prepaid claim checks in the amounts of \$1,545.95, \$54,817.30, and \$218,691.21; claim checks in the amount of \$752,939.50; and payroll checks in the amount of \$363,770.78.

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

NEW BUSINESS

#2 Wrestling Statue Donation

Several citizens, businesses, and students at CB Tech raised funds to build a statue to represent the wrestling program. The statue will be placed downtown with the other sport sculptures. Three citizens provided input to the Council on the history of the wrestling program and statue donation.

Action taken: Council Member Leonard moved to accept the donation, second by Deputy Mayor Curnel. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that residents can drop off non-artificial trees to Lakeside Disposal this week at no charge.

Deputy City Manager Gil Alvarado distributed a page from the internet regarding Xyleco Technology's feature on the tv show 60 Minutes on January 4, 2019. He explained that the information provided on the show was inaccurate regarding the building occupancy.

City Manager Williams noted that tomorrow is recognized as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS – no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Liebrecht called an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to be held for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale, and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(B) to discuss potential litigation with no further business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk