

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
March 24, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Jackson in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam St., Moses Lake, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: (in person) Deputy Mayor Jackson and Council Member Eck; (remote access) Mayor Curnel; Council Members Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Eck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SUMMARY REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Pandemic Emergency Declaration Proclamation Resolution 3798

The resolution ratifies the Proclamation of Emergency signed by the City Manager and Mayor on March 19 that sets forth provisional emergency procedures and authorizes emergency expenditures that expire on April 28.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

HopeSource Letter of Support

Council asked questions about the overall homelessness program effect on the community and requested staff to participate in the Homelessness Task Force meetings. The letter of support will be addressed to Grant County Commissioners for distribution of extra COVID-19 funding to HopeSource for development of a plan to address specific targeted populations of homeless individuals.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to authorize staff to send a letter of support, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

North Central Regional Library (NCRL) Update

Last November, the City sent a letter to the NCRL stating we would be exercising changes in the contract when it came up for the annual renewal. The NCRL responded with a letter of reconsideration for 90 days while the City analyzes results of a building inspection and to give them an opportunity to negotiate additional maintenance costs they can incorporate into their budget. They also advised this week that they would be closed to the public for the next four weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #1 a. City Council meeting minutes dated March 10, 2020

- b. Claim Checks 147221 through 147397 in the amount of \$1,106,659.38; Payroll checks 63337 through 63349 in the amount of \$10,558.26; and Electronic Payments dated March 6, 2020, in the amount of \$446,653.62
- c. WSDOT Aviation Grant Application Resolution 3796
- d. Award Valley Rd/Loop Dr Water Main Improvements Bid
- e. Award 2020 Pole Building Bid
- f. Wastewater Telemetry Improvements Proposal
- g. Accept Utility Improvement from Polo Ridge 2 Resolution 3797
- h. Accept Well #18 Starter Replacement 2019
- i. Accept Larson Lighting and Lauzier Scoreboard Projects
- j. Authorize Invoice Cloud Contract

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#2 AFSCME Labor Agreement**

This is the first contract for Local 3045 that was initiated September 3, 2018. The contract period is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Action taken: Mayor Curnel moved to approve the agreement, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### **#3 9120 Space St NE Request to Connect to Water and Sewer**

Keith and Valerie Coulson request approval to connect to the City's sewer system to serve parcel #120903209 and reserves the right to connect to water when it becomes available in the area.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 9120 Space St NE with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### **#4 Late Fee and Interest Temporary Waivers Ordinance 2946**

The ordinance establishes an emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic which authorizes the City to waive interest, late fees, and termination of service from non-payment of utility accounts as well as extending the renewal of business licenses for a minimum of two months.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 2946 as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr stated that federal funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) have requested the current City Manager sign off and acknowledge that it has been presented to Council in order for them to distribute the 2019 allocation in the amount of \$11,465.

City Manager Allison Williams tipped her hat to all employees for assistance in developing an essential staffing plan to be implemented this week in accordance to the Governor's order to shelter in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Council also praised staff for keeping them informed as the emergency plans were developed.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council Member Liebrecht welcomed Chief Kevin Fuhr back from his former capacity as Interim City Manager.

Council Member Myers provided information on changes for Grant County Transit in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss litigation and there will be no further business.


### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



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David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST   
Debbie Burke, City Clerk