

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for 60 minutes to discuss Real Estate Sale or Lease and Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (c) and (i).

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers; Deputy Mayor Martinez; Council Members, Fancher, Madewell, Swartz, and Skaug. Council Member Eck was absent.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to excuse Council Member Eck, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Myers led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Tax Increment Financing

Victor Lombardi, Moses Lake Citizen, requested information on the status of the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. City Manager Allison Williams responded that Broadway and Wheeler corridor locations have been discussed as potential districts where significant infrastructure investment will be needed.

Homeless

Elisia Dalluge, Moses Lake Citizen, spoke about the homeless and affordable housing Federal funding. She touched on stress being a factor in homelessness and drug use, and how provided meals could be one less factor for stress.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Mayor Myers invited all Council Members to attend the Kiwanis Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 2, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. *Former Mayor Jon Lane is the speaker.* RSVPs are due to Deputy Clerk Jennifer Schober by April 25.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Grant PUD Earth Day Challenge

The Grant PUD is challenging the community to take time during the week of April 16 – 22 and pick up a bag of trash in a neighborhood, park, or favorite location in the City.

Annual Spring Cleanup and Citywide Cleanup Event

There is a downtown sponsored clean up on Saturday April 15 as well as City cleanups April 15 and 29, which will have Lakeside Disposal trucks staged at the Surf ‘n Slide parking lot for residents to drop off garbage.

One resident suggested having the homeless population participate in the cleanup. City Manager Williams responded with other ways that the City is working to try and get some programs going for homeless citizens. Council requested a formal invitation for the homeless to be involved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. Electronic Transfer: N/A
Checks: 160198 - 160309 - \$169,770.62
Payroll Checks: #65025-65036 - \$2,837.11
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - \$585,022.92
 - b. Traffic Signal Emergency Repair Resolution 3935
 - c. Conservation District Demonstration Site Interlocal Agreement
 - d. Ultra Modern Build on Unplatted Property Resolution 3936

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Security Guard Services Amendment

This contract amendment allows for Pacific Security to include an additional guard with a vehicle to patrol several designated City facilities from 4:30 pm to 4:30 am Sunday through Saturday. One citizen inquired about current police staffing questions asked and answered at prior meetings.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Security Guard Services Amendment as presented, second by Council Member Fancher. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 Business License Code Update Ordinance 3022

The Business License regulations are presented for update to reflect current practice of administration in the Finance Department, removing background checks and requirement for commercial liability insurance when licensing Mobile Food Vendors, Street Food Vendors or Temporary Location Businesses when they are operating on private property.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to adopt Ordinance 3022 as presented, second by Council Member Skaug. The motion carried 6– 0.

- #4 Water Conservation Code/Fee Update Ordinance 3023, Resolution 3937
Utility Services Manager Jessica Cole reviewed draft changes in Title 13 Water, Sewers, and Public Utilities to further restrict the options of using potable water for landscape irrigation. City Engineer Richard Law and City Manager Allison Williams responded to several questions about why conservation needs to be bolstered to preserve the deep aquifer which has a limited life. Council requested several modifications be made and a new draft presented for adoption at the first meeting in May.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to postpone to May 9, second by Council Member Skaug. The motion carried 5 – 1. Deputy Mayor Martinez was opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Regional Collaboration Meeting

The agenda is being finalized for a Regional Collaboration Meeting on April 20 at the Pillar Rock Grill. Board members from the following agencies meeting together are Grant PUD, Grant County Commissioners, Moses Lake City Council, and the Port of Moses Lake.

Council Candidate Open House

Staff will hold Candidate Open House on May 4 at 4:00 p.m. and repeat event on May 5 at 12:00 p.m. This is an event where potential candidates can obtain information about the role of being a City Council Member.

Ad Hoc Housing Committee Update

The committee met on April 11 to review Code requirements to keep the homeless facility running while potentially paving the lot and upgrading the housing units. Staff will get quotes, develop a site plan, meet with the current property owner and report back to Council.

The Advisory Council on Housing will reconvene to analyze new legislation with regard to homelessness and provide final recommendations to Council.

Emergency Traffic Signal Repair

City Engineer Richard Law thanked staff for their quick response to the signal damage at Valley and Stratford Rd., and especially to Public Works for purchasing a unit to have on hand in case of emergencies like this. The same contractor that recently installed the lights were able to come back out and handle the repairs. Assistant City Manager Rich Huebner also thanked Richard for his work coordinating the repair.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Madewell expressed her concerns about the City's camping Ordinance. City Attorney Katherine Kenison explained that due to State law and the Homestead Law, law enforcement cannot ask them to leave. City Manager Williams also made note that Assistant City Manager Huebner is researching options to find property for them to park their vehicles.

Council Member Swartz attended the Association of Grant County Cities and Towns (AGCCT) meeting on March 30 in Royal City. He stated that they are having trouble finding a small city

representative for the Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force (GCHHTF). Additionally, AGCCT is looking at restructuring to a Council of Governments.

Council Member Skaug attended the Finance Committee meeting and thanked Finance Director Madeline Prentice for explaining the restructuring of the business licensing code, and for all her work.

Deputy Mayor Martinez thanked staff for creating transparency in tracking funds. She echoed the thanks for Madeline’s work. She had her first meeting with the GCHHTF where they discussed bylaws, delineation, and issues from the past with preventive structures in place so that those issues do not happen again. She has a meeting with Commissioner Rob Jones on Thursday to further discuss the GCHHTF.

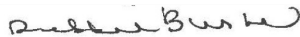
Mayor Myers thanked Utility Billing Manager Jessica Cole and other department staff for their time and efforts put drafting a revised water conservation Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.




Don Myers, Mayor

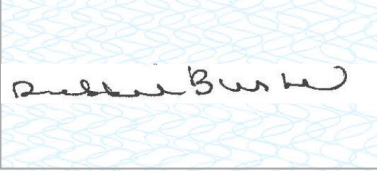


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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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