

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only Zoom meeting access. Special notices for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda as well as a special News Flash on the city's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Curnel, Deputy Mayor Jackson; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Hankins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Homelessness Funds

City Manager Allison Williams is working through the process to obtain approval from the Health District to acquire these funds for a local program.

Water Rights Appeal

City Manager Allison Williams worked with City Attorney Katherine Kenison to enter into a contract with special counsel to draft an appeal that will be filed tomorrow regarding the Department of Ecology's recent determination on our water rights.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated March 24, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 147398 through 147593 in the amount of \$1,861,298.52; Payroll Checks 63350 through 63368 in the amount of \$16,380.00; and Electronic Payments dated March 20, 2020 in the amount of \$423,394.40
 - c. FFCRA Emergency Leave Resolution 3799 (with changes coming)
 - d. Digital and Electronic Signatures Resolution 3800
 - e. Build on Unplatted Property Nutrien Resolution 3801
 - f. Poth Final Plat Acceptance
 - g. Do Not Extinguish Agreement MLFD-Nutrien
 - h. Fire Apparatus Contract Amendment
 - i. Award Reservoir 8 Painting Project Bid
 - j. Accept Westlake Lift Station Upgrade
 - k. Accept Cascade, Dog, and Dano Parks' Resurfacing

Staff advised Council of changes expected to item (c) FFCRA Resolution to be consistent with the state paid leave program, clarified no subdividing on item (e) Nutrien Resolution, explained the exterior material changes for Fire Apparatus item (h), and provided additional information on barbed wire fence for item (j) lift station upgrade.

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

OLD BUSINESS

#2 LOCAL Program Intent

The state requires an application as the first part of their process to participate in the bond program. This step will allow them to review the City’s financial history prior to consideration to enter into an interlocal agreement for the Larson Rec Center project.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to approve the Notice of Intent, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 Quasi-Judicial Hearings MLMC Update Ordinance 2949

The ordinance transfers most land use decisions and certain appeals to a Hearing Examiner, and establishes one regular meeting each month for the Planning Commission.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Ordinance 2949, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Director Cindy Jensen provided the 4th Quarter Financial Report in the meeting packet and gave a verbal update on the status of acquiring a new solution for yard waste pickup. The 2019 State Auditor’s Report was posted online last Monday and Council requested a verbal report to the public on April 28.

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr advised that the federal government has released COVID-19 grants and his department has been allocated \$36,908 for pandemic reimbursable expenses. It has been determined that K-9 Chief will not return to active duty and K-9 Officer Nick Stewart will be working on obtaining a new K-9 for his unit. The community has contributed \$45k for K-9 expenses. The City’s insurance will be covering replacement cost of the K-9, less a deductible.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Myers reported that Grant Transit Authority will receive \$1.6 million in federal aid from the COVID-19 payback plan. If they reach a 50% driver capacity, the system will shut down to basic maintenance services. Staff replied to his question about the Stratford Rd construction which will be going again in the next few weeks and the water rate study update will be provided to Council via email. Staff also advised that water conservation will be in effect again this summer.

Council Members Liebrecht, Riggs, and Jackson expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for the outstanding response efforts during this pandemic crisis.


Mayor Curnel advised that the Grant County Health District is operating in the red and that 90% of the employees are tending to COVID-19 related work. He also announced that this would be Community Development Director Kris Robbins’ last Council meeting. All of the Council thanked her for her work with the City and wished her well in her future endeavors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (b), (g) and (i) for discussion on property acquisition, qualifications of a public employee, and litigation; and there will be no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk