

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2023

STUDY SESSION

Code Enforcement Process

Code Enforcement Officers Rick Rodriguez and Tina Jewell provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate their roll to investigate and educate property owners when a violation has been reported, prior to issuing citations and fines. A temporary position is typically hired for spring to fall each year to enforce the height and noxious weed regulations. In 2022, a full-time position was created to also encompass water conservation education.

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.

Council Member Eck left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Downtown Moses Lake Association Executive Director Rosenda Henley led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Myers added an Executive Session for 30 minutes at the end of the meeting, followed by a vote to authorize the contract for our Interim City Manager.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as amended, second by Council Member Madewell. The motion carried 7 – 0.

PRESENTATION

Renew - Grant Behavioral Health & Wellness

Renew Executive Director Dell Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the following types of services they make available to the community: mental health, substance use disorder, crisis response and intervention, and Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISE).

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION *(following Mayor's Report)*

Citizen Advisory Committee

Victor Lombardi, Moses Lake, recommended Council initiate a committee of residents to work on recommendations to resolve issues in the City. Mayor Myers noted that residents were included on the interview panel when Allison Williams was hired, and the current Council will likely include residents again.

Multiple Topics

Elisia Dalluge, Moses Lake, shared her thoughts on the recent City Manager resignation, issues on water shortage, lake algae, and PFAS testing.

Homeless

David Hunt, Moses Lake, questioned the process on clean up of garbage left on private property, enforcement of drugs being sold at a local motel, concern of children’s safety, and homeless persons with cars staying at sleep center v. motel space.

Homeless

Andrew Koeppen, Moses Lake, provided his experience with homeless persons and workers of non-profits on the west side of the state.

Homeless

Taylor Peterson, Moses Lake, feels that the current system is enabling homeless persons to continue on a path of least resistance and would rather see Moses Lake tax dollars spent on rehabilitation services.

RV Parking

Joseph Mariarty, Moses Lake, believes the City is being overwhelmed with fentanyl addictions. He would like Council to consider options to bring the community together to fix this issue.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

Key to the City

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution’s (NSDAR) Chapter Regent Stephanie Massert presented Miyo Koba with several awards from their chapter. Ms. Koba was also presented with the first “Key to the City” to acknowledge recognition she received from Karneetsa NSDAR as Women in History Honoree.

PUBLIC HEARING

#1 Miscellaneous Code Amendments Ordinance 3025

Community Development Director Kirsten Sackett and Building Official Lee Creiglow reviewed changes to Municipal Code Titles 16, 17, 18 and 20 as recommended by the Planning Commission to provide clarity and create efficiencies in the development review process. Mayor Myers opened the hearing at 8 p.m. Four citizens provided comments and the hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m. Council Member Fancher requested staff modify 16.02.045 to clarify that four dwellings are approved after the preliminary plat has been granted.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to adopt Ordinance 3025 as amended, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #2**
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated April 25, and May 4, 2023
 - b. Electronic Transfer: 241 - 252 - \$161,244.90
Checks: 160690 - 160888 - \$1,824,380.10
Payroll Checks: #65103 - 65145 - \$14,879.88
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - \$558,506.45
 - c. Police Unmanned Aircraft System Program Resolution 3938

- d. Grant County ESV-CV Contract Amendment
- e. Accept Biosolids Land Application Project

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

OLD BUSINESS

#3 Interim Covered/Enclosed Parking Ordinance 3026

The ordinance temporarily removes the requirement of covered parking with purpose to promote expansion of needed daycare facilities. The resident making the request also has other items to address to bring her space into compliance. A Public Hearing will be advertised for the Regular Meeting on June 13.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 3026 as presented, to be effective immediately, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#4 Vehicle Impound and Parking Regulations Ordinances 3027 and 3028

These are updates to Municipal Code Titles 9.18 and 10.36 for camping and parking to manage enforcement of street parking. Council requested to have the option to extend the violation period if an individual can show they are actively engaged with services to exit homelessness.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 3028 as amended, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 3027 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#5 Additional Police Officers

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr is requesting approval for six officers due to increased call volumes. He is anticipating higher sales tax income with new businesses and will meet with Finance Director Madeline Prentice to bring back the source(s) to cover costs of new positions. The next available Police Academy is six months out (in December).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Farmer's Market/Springfest Update

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Doug Coutts provided a printed report to Council in advance of the meeting. New safety protocols have been implemented for parking and cooking regulations. Options for resolving consistency of concession fees and parking of heavy vehicles on the grass/roots of trees will be brought to Council for consideration in the fall.

Museum Exhibit

Butterfly Landscapes Macro Photography by Walter B. Klockers will be on display from

May 26 to July 7. Opening reception will be held June 2nd from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Groundworks Lease Extension Update (Sleep Center)

Staff is negotiating site improvements to the site and amount of property needed with the landowner and HopeSource. A new concept of design for one building is to have exterior doors as well as consideration of pallet shelters.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Swartz noted that the Community Development, Municipal Services, and Parks Committee discussed xeriscape on planter strips and roundabouts to lower water usage in each area by 90%.

Deputy Mayor Martinez reminded everyone that the Grant County Health District is still looking for volunteer testers and that the information is now on their website.

Mayor Myers attended the Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee meeting today to discuss how the funding can be used and to include the County. The Grant Transit Authority has increased salary range and reposted the vacancy for General Manager.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 9:51 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (g), with one action item to follow. Mayor Myers extended the Executive Session for 30 minutes.

Council reconvened in the Chambers at 10:55 p.m.

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to authorize the contract for Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.



Don Myers, Mayor



ATTEST

Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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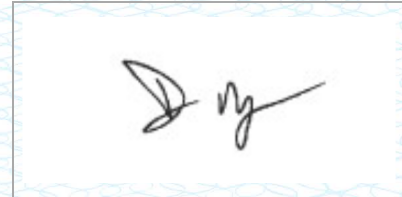
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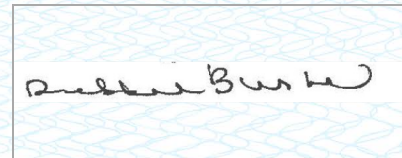
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