

# MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 2023

## 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 attended remotely.

## 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 Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## PRESENTATION

### McKinstry Energy Efficiency, Landscaping, and Solar Grant Projects

Sean Pelfrey and Luke Cashman from McKinstry provided a slide deck to illustrate proposals for a retrofit of halogen lighting to an LED system for the Museum and Art Center, xeriscaping at the Civic Center Park, and demonstration gardens around the city. Council requested staff to bring back alternative options. Facilities Manager Josh McPherson announced that the city was awarded a \$1.5 million solar grant for a 3-day power backup to be installed at the Civic Center.

## CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

### Automated License Plate Readers

Andrew Koeppen, Moses Lake, expressed his concerns on the implementation of the Automated License Plate Readers and the potential for misuse of information in the system. Interim Police Chief Dave Sands shared a bank robbery success incident.

### Museum and Art Center Lighting and Civic Center Xeriscape

Jeremy Nolan, Moses Lake, requested Council consider alternate solutions for lesser costs on museum lighting and landscaping proposals.

## SUMMARY REPORTS

### MAYOR'S REPORT

#### Grant County Fair Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony for the Grant County Fair will be August 15 at 10 am. Deputy Mayor Martinez, Council Members Eck, Swartz and Madewell, Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr, and Assistant City Manager Rich Huebner plan to attend.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

#### Lifeguard Commendations

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Doug Coutts recognized Lifeguards

Ethan Bunch, Garrett Sands, Aniston Dana and Brayden Helvy for their life saving response to a choking infant at the Surf ‘n Slide Water Park.

City Manager Search Committee

Staff have scheduled the Council Subcommittee interviews with the top six candidates, from a pool of 30 applicants, to be conducted later this week.

Schedule Fire Impact Fee Study Session

Council were given a few options for holding the Fire Impact Fee Study Session and selected Tuesday, September 12 at 6 pm.

Graffiti Clean Up Discussion

Staff pulled content from several municipal codes that included fines, abatement, and prohibiting juvenile possession of graffiti items. Draft changes to our code will be presented to Council at a future meeting. Council suggested using ARPA Funds to hire employees to clean up existing garbage or potentially organize a community group to clean up on regular basis with permission of private property owners.

Cart Retrieval Procedures

Code Enforcement Officer Tina Jewell stated that ten of the local grocery/retail stores were very receptive to the City's concerns. Most indicated they have a cart retrieval program in place and sweep their property at the end of each day. Stores without a program indicated they will get one started to alleviate loss for the store and blight within the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #1
  - a. City Council meeting minutes dated July 25, 2023
  - b. Electronic Transfer: #259 - 262 - \$10,026.84  
Checks: 161578 - 161749 - \$935,427.28  
Payroll Checks: #65478 - 65572 - \$57,907.40  
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - \$630,156.44
  - c. Groundworks Lease Extension (Sleep Center)
  - d. Maple Landing 1 Phase 2 Final Planned Development
  - e. Municipal Airport State Capital Improvement Projects
  - f. Common Interest/Joint Prosecution Agreement

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a through c and e through f as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the Consent Agenda item d as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0, Council Member Fancher recused himself from the vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

#2 Revision of ARPA Spending Plan

Staff is recommending a revision of the budgeted ARPA funds for a generic category called Water Remediation/Mitigation Projects. This will allow flexibility in the use of the funds as solutions are identified for the current water issues.

Action taken: Council Member Skaug moved to approve the revision of the ARPA Spending Plan as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 - 1, Council Member Eck was opposed.

**#3 Municipal Services Retitled Public Works Ordinance 3031**

Staff proposed adding the definition of “Public Works” to replace references to “Municipal Services” in the Code. This will align the recent change to use Public Works as the department name in effort to attract applicants for the director and other positions.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 3031 as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7– 0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Lithium Battery Disposal

Finance Director Madeline Prentice announced that the Utility Billing division will be inserting information on how to properly dispose of lithium-ion batteries in the September mailing of bills.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council Member Swartz was included in an email to staff showing several artistic concepts for a monument type memorial at the Yonezawa Park to honor the Sister City relationship.

Council Member Skaug attended the Finance Committee meeting and said staff are working on funding options for a water filtration system. He and his brother will be going to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe to attend a dedication for the first wing of an elementary school being named Moses Lake Academy that was funded by local residents.

Council Member Madewell thanked Finance Director Madeline Prentice for the addition of the fund balance column in the tabulation of claims paid attached to the Consent Agenda staff report.

Deputy Mayor Martinez also attended the Finance Committee meeting. She shared that staff will be requesting an amendment to the consultant’s contract for the Development Code update using available fund from unfilled staff positions. She also announced that the Grant County Fair will have their annual first day free and are adding a “free before 3 pm” on Wednesday and Thursday.

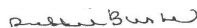
Mayor Myers thanked Deputy Mayor Martinez for covering meetings during his absence in July.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



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Don Myers, Mayor



ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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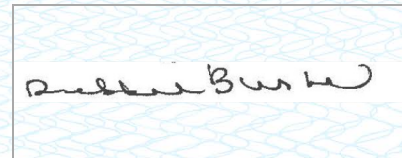
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