

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 22, 2023

STUDY SESSION

Grant County Trends

Dr. Patrick Jones from the Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy & Economic Analysis reviewed online data at www.grantcountytrends.org. Dr. Jones emphasized on the city numbers compared to state and county in the categories of population, median age, incomes, economy, graduation rates, housing market, and public safety.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:42 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 Eck, Fancher, Madewell, and Swartz. Absent: Council Member Skaug.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to excuse Council Member Skaug, 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 Eck. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Miscellaneous Topics – Ellisia Dalluge, Moses Lake, shared school backpack events, thanked staff for quick SEPA process, and commented on opioid funds, graffiti cleanup and homeless location lease.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Childhood Cancer Month Proclamation

Mayor Myers read the proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Month and presented to Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation (CBCF) Executive Director Angel Ledesma. Mrs. Ledesma said our new radiation center at Confluence Health is scheduled to open the second week in October and she invited everyone to attend the CBCF Craft Out Cancer fundraiser on Saturday from Noon to 6 p.m. at Ten Pin.

Grant County Fire Protection District 5 (GCFPD5) Meeting

Mayor Myers received a consensus from Council to have Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr organize a Joint Meeting with GCFPD5 Commissioners. Council also concurred to include Wenatchee Valley Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Kelly Lindemann to attend and provide his

knowledge on their experience when forming a Regional Fire Authority from former agencies in the City of Wenatchee, Chelan County FPD1 and Douglas County FPD2.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Candidate Interviews

Council have selected three candidates to move forward in the hiring process. A meet and greet for employees will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, then an Open House at 5 p.m. for the public. Panel interviews will be conducted on September 6, followed by direction to staff for background check and contract negotiation.

Sleep Center Shelter Updates

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr has applied for funding from Grant County Commissioners to cover the cost of new shelter units.

Financial System Replacement Update

Finance Director Madeline Prentice received a consensus from Council to move forward with contract negotiations and Scope of Work development with Tyler Technologies, the top vendor from interviews conducted with respondents to the Request for Proposals.

Carl T. Ahlers Park Project Donation

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Doug Coutts provided a slide deck to illustrate the cement game features recently donated and installed at Ahlers’ Park by Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. The gaming supplies to play ping pong, cornhole, and chess are available for checkout to citizens at the Larson Recreation Center.

Parking Citation Delinquent Fee Ordinance 3034

Staff proposed to lower a delinquent fee in the code that exceeds the statutory limit.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to authorize adopt Ordinance 3034 as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated August 8, 2023
 - b. Electronic Transfer: #263 - \$1,528.38
Checks: 161750 - 161958 - \$2,253,197.23
*Payroll Checks: #65574 – 65667 - \$58,881.15
*Voided Check #65773
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit: - \$639,304.47
 - c. Fire Equipment Donation Acceptance
 - d. AWC Cares Grant Renewal
 - e. Development Code Consultant Amendment
 - f. Oasis Major Plat Improvements Resolution 3948
 - g. Accept Larson Sedimentation Pond Rehabilitation Project
 - h. Marina Drive Covenant

* Numbering updated by Finance Director after meeting.

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr sent a draft covenant to Council prior to the meeting and requested consideration to add the item to tonight’s Consent Agenda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Graffiti Regulations Ordinance 3032

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr developed a draft nuisance and abatement program based on regulations adopted by other cities. The proposed code includes prohibition on juveniles possessing graffiti implements, rewards for citizens turning in people committing vandalism, and a graffiti abatement program. A final draft that included the penalty and definitions was distributed to Council prior to the meeting. Victor Lombardi shared ideas of partnership successes in other cities.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to adopt Ordinance 3032, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 2023 Budget Amendment Ordinance 3033

The amendment increases the 2023 budget resulting in additional expenditures of \$2,728,873 and revenue of \$27,243 across several funds. The largest portion of the increase in expense was 2022 carry forward of water and sewer projects totaling \$1,944,214.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Ordinance 3033 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Report listed on the agenda was deleted.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Swartz reported that Recreation and Museum staff have documented increases in program participation to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Committee.

Council Member Fancher shared progress discussed at the Public Works and Community Development Committee meeting regarding well rehabilitation project and working with the Bureau of Reclamation for lake water access.

Deputy Mayor Martinez advised that the Grant County Board of Health has added preventative and treatment programs for sexually transmitted illnesses. The status of lake algae warnings is online at <https://granthealth.org/blue-green-algae/>. She obtained a wealth of information from attending the AWC Budget Workshop in Leavenworth. The Moses Lake Watershed Council will host a public meeting on September 19 to report on the State of the Lake, time and location is posted online <https://www.moseslakewatershed.org/annual-state-of-the-lake>.

Mayor Myers announced that Grant Transit Authority has hired Eric Lumas as their new General Manager who will start on September 15. They received grant funding for large buses to run between Moses Lake and Ephrata and electric buses should be in service soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

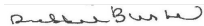
Mayor Myers called an Executive Session from 7:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (i) with no action to follow. Mayor Myers extended the meeting twice for a total additional time of six minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Don Myers, Mayor



ATTEST

Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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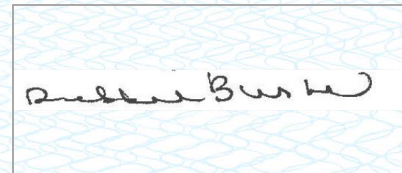
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