

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
September 23, 2023

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 8 a.m. to be held for 5 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss qualifications of a candidate for public employment. Mayor Myers extended the executive session for a total time of 10 minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public portion of the special meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Mayor Myers in Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance was posted on the meeting agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Finance Director Madeline Prentice provided a slide deck to review the Budget Priorities list, Budget process, 2023 to 2024 staffing and benefit changes, wage increases, and fee schedule adjustments.

Each Department Director provided a verbal report on their perspective revenue and expenses for the remainder of 2023 and the estimates provided for 2024. A list of single 2024 expenses will be provided in the next draft.

The law enforcement sales tax levy will move from the General Fund to Community Service Fund to pay for a portion of the new facility debt and to be more transparent in showing that the tax is being used solely for Criminal Justice. Red light camera revenue will be reinstated under the Grant County District Court interlocal agreement process next month.

The property tax revenue is pending updated assessed value figures from Grant County. A 5% increase is proposed on the Fee Schedule for the water, wastewater, and stormwater enterprise funds. A prior interfund transfer from the Water to General Fund has been eliminated after the State Auditor identified that this is only eligible for first class cities.

The cost of insurance continues to increase due to nuclear settlements against cities and counties across the state.

Mayor Myers called a recess at 10 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

The library facility rental contract will be renewed with an increased rate in 2024. The Ambulance utility fee has a proposed increase of \$2.75 per account for a total of \$17.20 per month and a separate non-resident transport rate has been added to the fee schedule.

The Council requested staff to place signs on projects that are using the Transportation Benefit District Funds and improve social media solicitation.

The Municipal Airport will have a new figure for 2024 once the new lease rates have been presented and approved by Council.

Staff will work on reducing expenses to improve the currently proposed deficit. Another budget workshop will be scheduled for staff and Council mid-October.

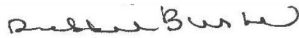
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



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Don Myers, Mayor




ATTEST

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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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