

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
December 8, 2009

Council Present: Ron Covey, Richard Pearce, Bill Ecret, Jon Lane, Dick Deane, Brent Reese, and Jim Liebrecht

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Covey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Covey led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Deane moved that the minutes of the November 19, 2009 special meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lane moved that the minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Reese, and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, PREPAID CLAIMS, CHECKS, AND PAYROLL

Vouchers audited and certified by the Finance Director as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims, certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Council for approval and is retained for public inspection at city hall.

As of December 8, 2009 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$363,826.70; prepaid claims in the amounts of \$754,268.38, \$31,213.88, and \$1,271.58; claim checks in the amount of \$1,525,242.26; and payroll in the amount of \$43,111.17.

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that the bills, checks, prepaid claims, and payroll issued be approved, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

POLICE DEPARTMENT - ACCREDITATION AUDIT

Dean Mitchell, Police Chief, stated that the Police Department has passed an accreditation audit. The audit is performed by trained assessors and sponsored by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. He mentioned that very few agencies have earned the right to be accredited in the State of Washington and that Corporal Annalisa Dobson was instrumental in the Department obtaining the accreditation. He presented Corporal Dobson with a plaque recognizing her efforts as the Police Department's Accreditation Manager.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Finance Department has obtained the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Governmental Finance Officers Association. This is the fourth year the Finance Department has earned this award.

MOSES LAKE YOUTH HOCKEY - DONATION

Lyle Stoltman, Moses Lake Youth Hockey, presented a \$3,000 check to the city. The funds will be used towards the purchase of a scoreboard for the ice skating rink.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution - Grant Easement to PUD: A resolution was presented which grants an easement to the PUD for the construction of a fiber hut at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Peninsula Drive.

Resolution - Set Public Hearing - Vacation of Pilgrim Street: A resolution was presented which sets January 12 as the date for a public hearing to consider the vacation of a small portion of right-of-way on Pilgrim Street.

Resolution - Accept Donation - Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association: A resolution was presented which accepts the \$3,000 from the Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association. The funds will be used for the purchase of a scoreboard for the ice rink.

Resolution - Accept Donations - 2009 Summer Concert Series: A resolution was presented which accepts the donations from businesses and organizations for the 2009 Summer Concert Series.

Action Taken: Mr. Deane moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Mr. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - None

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND QUOTES - None

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONSORDINANCE - AMEND 2009 BUDGET - 2ND READING

An ordinance was presented which amends the 2009 budget.

The ordinance amending the 2009 budget for the City of Moses Lake, Washington was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Ecret moved that the second reading of the ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Pearce, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - INTERFUND LOAN

A resolution was presented which provides for an inter-fund loan from the Water/Sewer Fund 410 to the Street Repair/Reconstruction Fund 119.

The resolution authorizing an inter-fund loan to the Street Repair/Reconstruction Fund 119 from the Water/Sewer Fund 410 was read by title only.

Action Taken: Mr. Lane moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mr. Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO CALL FOR BIDS - None

REFERRALS FROM COMMISSIONS - None

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - NoneNON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - NoneCOUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTSSTORMWATER REGULATIONS

Mr. Pearce stated that he opposed the adoption of the stormwater regulations as presented due to concerns about private property rights. He mentioned that in looking over his property he felt that he would be in violation of the regulations and felt that other Council members would also be in violation of the ordinance. He felt that those provisions concerning refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, etc. on public and private property should be revisited.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTSMOSES LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - FUNDING REQUEST

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that the Chamber of Commerce has requested increased funds from the city to operate the visitor's center. He explained the funding that is provided to the Chamber of Commerce.

Alan Heroux, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber is the main contact for information to tourists coming into the area. It costs the Chamber about \$40,000 for tourist promotion and the additional \$25,000 requested would fund another staff person to handle the increased work load.

There was some discussion by the Council and it was the consensus that the issue be discussed at the Council/staff retreat.

STORMWATER UTILITY UPDATE

Joseph K. Gavinski, City Manager, stated that staff is working on the stormwater utility rates which will be presented to Council in the future.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

The November 2009 Building Activity Report was distributed.

INVESTMENT REPORT

The city received \$18,078.93 in investment income for November 2009.

SALES TAX/TRANSIENT RENTAL INCOME

The city received \$447,607.52 in sales tax and \$48,046.92 in transient rental income in November 2009.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:55 p.m. and the Council met in an executive session to discuss labor relations. The executive session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened.

SALARIES

Action Taken: Mr. Pearce moved that a 2% wage increase be provided for all Association, non-union, and exempt employees in 2010, seconded by Mr. Ecret, and passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST

Ronald C. Covey, Mayor

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director