



Moscow City Council

Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday
October 15, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Kathryn Bonzo Council President, Gina Taruscio Council Vice President, Art Bettge Councilmember, Jim Boland Councilmember, Brandy Sullivan Councilmember, Anne Zabala Councilmember, Bill Lambert Mayor

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Les MacDonald, Tyler Palmer, Kevin Lilly, Bill Belknap, Laurie M. Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lambert read a letter of recognition for Jed Wallen, Troop 344, who received his Eagle Scout accommodation. Mayor Lambert presented the letter to Wallen. Wallen spoke on the process for his Eagle Scout project.

1. Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Bettge, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Gina Taruscio, Council Vice President
AYES:	Bonzo, Taruscio, Bettge, Boland, Sullivan, Zabala

A. Approval of Moscow City Council October 1, 2018 Minutes – Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report for September 2018 – Sarah Banks

Presentation of the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending September 30, 2018. This was reviewed, signed and recommended for approval by the Public Works/Finance Committee on October 8, 2018.

ACTION: Approve the Disbursements Report for the month of September 2018.

C. Proposed Lot Division at 209 Rodeo Drive – Leah Carlson

Cody Merrill is requesting a lot division to divide an existing 4.69 acre parcel into two parcels of approximately 2.11 acres and 2.58 acres in size. The lot division is intended to accommodate a Self-Storage Facility which was approved for a Conditional Use Permit by the Board of Adjustment on August 29th, 2018. The subject property is within the Motor Business (MB) Zoning District which has no minimum lot width or size requirements, therefore all proposed lots meet current requirements. Property owners within 600 feet of the property have been notified of the proposed division and the site was posted seven (7) days prior to the public meeting date. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Works/Finance Committee on October 8, 2018.

ACTION: Approve the lot division request with no conditions.

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

Riedner congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Mayor Lambert presented the award to Sarah Banks. Banks said staff was supportive and collaborative with the document. She also thanked Riedner who was Acting Finance Director for most of the preparation.

Riedner introduced Michael Lowry, University of Idaho. Lowry explained the U.S. Department of Transportation breaks up the states into regions. Moscow is in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) region. Each region has an entity that oversees research and education and for the PNW, it is PacTrans. Each region has an annual conference where rewards are presented. Lowry nominated the Engineering Department for Collaborator of the Year. The award is presented to those entities that has helped with mentoring students, research support, class projects. The nomination highlighted class projects of traffic calming at the middle school, the underpass at White and Styner, and assistance in research grant proposals. Involving real life projects for the engineering students is a great opportunity. Lowry presented the award to MacDonald. MacDonald expressed his appreciation to Lowry for the nomination. He spoke on other projects the Public Works Department collaborates on with the University of Idaho. The Department is honored to be recognized.

3. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award Presentation (ACTION) - Gary J. Riedner

The City submitted the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. The GFOA reviewed the FY2017 CAFR and determined that it met the rigorous standards for the award and subsequently issued its certificate. This is the 15th consecutive year the City has received the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

ACTION: Acknowledge the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the City's FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

This item was discussed during the staff recognition report.

4. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mayor Lambert put forward Jared Norman to the Historic Preservation Commission for appointment.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Bettge, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Brandy Sullivan, Councilmember
AYES:	Bonzo, Taruscio, Bettge, Boland, Sullivan, Zabala

5. Public Comment and Mayor's Response Period (limit 15 minutes)

Annette Biegler, 937 Kenneth St Moscow, is running for Latah County Assessor. She shared some background about her life and employment history and is volunteering on the Board of Adjustment. She said she has the required management skills for the office. She recently spent a week in Boise taking one of two classes to become a certified appraiser.

Paul Kimmell, 1037 Four Mile Rd Viola, invited everyone to the annual Palouse Basin Water Summit taking place Thursday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the SEL Event Center. Sandra Postel, author of Sandra Postel, is the keynote speaker. Kathryn Rowden will also be speaking on weather, climate and hydrology on the Palouse.

Reports

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Moscow Pathways Commission - Sullivan reported Schott presented on the Highway 95 underpass to answer questions and receive feedback.

Bonzo presented a recycling program through Trex. The program accepts plastic bags and plastic film and is used for the decking materials.

Fair & Affordable Housing Commission - Zabala said Linda Pike researched the creation of a temporary lot for those living in cars and if there was interest. They will be reaching out to entities in the community to determine if there is a demand.

Mayor

Mayor Lambert reported he attended an AIC board meeting and discussed the next legislative session. The next board meeting will occur in November where they will continue working on the possibility of a local option tax and items to bring forward to the legislature at the City Officials Day at the Capitol. He also reported on the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee; walk to school days for multiple elementary schools; the Mayor walking challenge; and iSwing dedication. Due to the Vandals losing against Idaho State University, he lost a bet to Brian Blad, Mayor of Pocatello and had to wear a Bengal tie for the Council meeting.

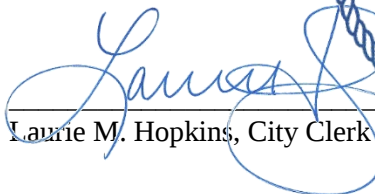
Staff

No report.

Adjourn to Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(B), (1)(C) and (1)(F) - The meeting will not reconvene.

Taruscio moved and Bettge seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk





Bill Lambert, Mayor

**CITY OF MOSCOW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
October 15, 2018**

Present: Mayor Lambert, Art Bettge, Jim Boland, Kathryn Bonzo, Brandy Sullivan, Gina Taruscio, Anne Zabala

Also Present: Gary J. Riedner, City Supervisor; Bill Belknap, Community Development Director

The executive session was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Item discussed pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(c)

The executive session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



15th Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit – Change the Course

Thursday, October 18th 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. SEL Event Center, Pullman, WA

Did you know that the average American uses two thousand gallons of water a day? The U.S. water footprint is two-times the global average. Water is finite but our demands are not. Everything we eat, wear and buy takes water – sometimes a surprising amount! By better understanding how much water it takes to keep our lifestyles afloat, we can make some easy and wise choices to conserve – and help replenish our groundwater resources.

As community members you are cordially invited to attend the 15th Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit – Change the Course, scheduled for October 18th from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the SEL Event Center.

The Summit features Sandra Postel, author of "Replenish – The Virtuous Cycle of Water and Prosperity," and director of the Global Water Policy Project and co-creator of Change the Course, the national water stewardship initiative awarded the 2017 US Water Prize for restoring billions of gallons of water to depleted rivers and wetlands. From 2009-2015, Postel served as Freshwater Fellow of the National Geographic Society.

In her book Postel writes, "We have disrupted the natural water cycle for centuries in an effort to control water for our own prosperity. Yet every year, recovery from droughts and floods costs billions of dollars, and we spend billions more on dams, diversions, levees, and other feats of engineering. These massive projects are not only risky financially and environmentally, they often threaten social and political stability. What if the answer was not further control of the water cycle, but repair and replenishment?" Postel takes readers around the world to explore water projects that work with, rather than against, nature's rhythms. In New Mexico, forest rehabilitation is safeguarding drinking water; along the Mississippi River, farmers are planting cover crops to reduce polluted runoff; and in China, "sponge cities" are capturing rainwater to curb urban flooding.

Postel stresses that efforts like these will be essential as climate change disrupts both weather patterns and the models on which we base our infrastructure. We will be forced to adapt. The question is whether we will continue to fight the water cycle or recognize our place in it and take advantage of the inherent services nature offers. Water, Postel writes, is a gift, the source of life itself. How will we use this greatest of gifts?

At this year's Summit, we'll also discuss the current state of the Palouse Basin and the latest research on increasing our water supplies for our homes, businesses, universities and the next generation. We'll also hear from local water conservation managers about some exciting new ways to conserve water through wisescape landscaping.

Be a part of changing the course of water use here on the Palouse by joining us at this free community event. Visit: www.palousewatersummit.org.