

Public Works / Finance Committee



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, August 12, 2019

3:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Art Bettge, Jim Boland

ABSENT: Anne Zabala

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Bautista, Alisa Anderson, Amanda Argona, Nate Suhr, Sarah Banks, Caylee Birge

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of the July 22, 2019 Public Works / Finance Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM) -Laurie Hopkins

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes, amend minutes, or provide staff further direction.

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Disbursement Report July 2019 (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Banks

Staff will present the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending July 2019.

ACTION: Sign the Disbursements Report for the month of July, 2019.

Banks presented the disbursement report and highlighted the larger expenses which included the slurry seal and chip seal projects, concrete slabs and pathways at Lola Clyde Park and the purchase of a new 2019 Vac-all flush truck. The Committee signed the disbursement report, recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

3. Beer/Wine Garden for Vandal Town Block Party (ACTION ITEM) – Amanda Argona

The City of Moscow in partnership with the University of Idaho and Moscow Chamber of Commerce, is hosting the annual Vandal Town Block Party September 5, 2019 in downtown Moscow. The event will welcome back students while celebrating our important community partnerships. The block party is held on Main Street and features live music, games, and local vendors. The Vandal Town Block Party has included a beer garden year's past and would like to include that amenity in the 2019 event. Per Moscow City Code, Section 10-1-12; a draft resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the resolution allowing the designated beer/wine garden during the 2019 Vandal Town Block Party; or provide staff further direction.

Argona introduced the item as written above. The police and fire chiefs have been advised. The block party will be in the general parameters as last year. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

4. Sixth Street Bridge Repair and Grant Funding Request (ACTION ITEM) – Alisa Anderson / Bill Belknap

On April 9, 2019, Moscow experienced a flash flood event which damaged infrastructure throughout the City. On April 10, 2019, Mayor Lambert made a local disaster emergency declaration because of the heavy rains that caused severe flooding throughout the City. The declaration provides for implementation of recovery aspects in local disaster emergency plans to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance. On June 12, 2019, President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Idaho which included Latah County. This action makes federal funding available to local government entities on a cost-share basis for emergency work and repair or replacement of facilities. Most of the flood damage occurred on the east side of Moscow, along the Mountain View Road corridor from “F” Street to White Avenue, greatly impacting neighborhoods located along Paradise Creek. The bridge located near the intersection of Mountain View Road and Sixth Street referred to as the “Sixth Street Bridge” was damaged in the April flood event. The Sixth Street fill slope, guardrail, and asphalt edge above the Paradise Creek culverts experienced erosion and displacement, which has reduced the existing travel lane width and created a hazard for the traveling public. To maintain traffic flow and public safety on the bridge, the Street Department is completing temporary repairs including replacing a portion of the existing fill and asphalt, then place jersey barriers along the damaged guardrails until a permanent solution is determined. Staff has been working with the Idaho Department of Emergency Management (IOEM) and Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to document expenses incurred and local resources used during the event to receive state and federal assistance for recovery reimbursement. On April 30, 2019, staff received communication from IOEM stating FEMA does not pay for permanent repair of roads that are classified as Major Collectors/Federal Aid Routes. Per the Idaho Transportation Department classification Sixth Street including the bridge is classified as a Major Collector and as a result FEMA will not assist with repair or replacement. After receiving this communication staff began seeking other funding sources and determined the City is eligible for Idaho Department of Commerce (IDOC), Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Post Disaster Assistance funding to repair and/or replace the Sixth Street Bridge. The maximum grant award under this category is \$100,000. Staff also estimates reimbursements from FEMA and other funding sources of approximately \$69,000 for expenses incurred during the flood as described in the FY20 Capital Project Budget. Staff is proposing to extend the culverts to a new headwall or slope paving to mitigate erosion potential and to provide adequate separation between the travel lanes and culvert ends and to continue sidewalk across Paradise Creek to provide pedestrian connectivity on both sides of Sixth Street. Staff is in discussion with JUB Engineers Inc. to prepare a Topographic Survey and Base Map and Alternatives Analysis to determine the best method for repair and/or replacement of the existing bridge. At this time Staff would like to submit an ICDBG Post Disaster Assistance grant application for \$100,000 to the IDOC to begin accumulation of funding for repair of the bridge.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval to submit a grant application to the IDOC under the ICDBG Program for Post Disaster Assistance for \$100,000 to repair or replace the Sixth Street Bridge or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Anderson and Suhr introduced the item as written above. Since the Sixth Street bridge is a collector on a federal aid route it does not qualify for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). There was damage to culverts and head wall, with substantial undermining of the road. Some of the damage will be covered by the City's insurance. As a public transit route, ADA accessible sidewalks are necessary on both sides of the street. Riedner stated we can utilize the insurance claim money and nonspecific FEMA proceeds as well as FY2020 funds. There may also be some resources available through Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). There are three replacement options and all will include sidewalks and the necessary culvert for pass-through of debris. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting was closed at 3:18 p.m.

