

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Monday
January 3, 2022**

7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Lambert, Art Bettge, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Brandy Sullivan, Gina Taruscio, Anne Zabala

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Bautista, Bill Belknap, Sarah Banks, Megan Cherry, Sarah Banks Jen Piffner, Amy Petit, Brian Nickerson, Cody Riddle, James Fry, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor Lambert read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Fry. Fry thanked Mayor, Council and staff.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow City Council December 20, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Laurie M. Hopkins

Bettge moved and Taruscio seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

Riedner reminded the community the snow is an inconvenience but acknowledged the street crew and police crews moving snow and assisting accidents.

3. 2022 City Limits Ordinance (ACTION ITEM) - Scott Bontrager

Idaho Code Section 63-215 states that taxing districts that alter their boundaries must prepare and file the legal description and map of the new district boundary within 30 days of the amendment or no later than the tenth day of January of the year following the alteration. The City recently amended the City boundary through the annexations of the Edington subdivision property on June 7th, 2021, the Thompson Development property (East Robinson Park Rd) on September 7th, 2021, and the Woodbury subdivision property on December 6th, 2021. Staff has prepared a new City Limits ordinance which includes the updated legal description and boundary map for the Council's approval and transmission to the State Tax Commission and Latah County Recorder and Assessor offices. This matter has been scheduled for consideration by the Council at the Council's upcoming January 3, 2022 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on first reading and that it be read by title; or reject the Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Riddle introduced the item as written above. Having no questions, Bettge moved and Taruscio seconded to approve the Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings

and that it be read by title and published by summary. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lambert read Ordinance 2022-01 by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING IN THIS ORDINANCE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, LATAH COUNTY, IDAHO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES AND THE ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

4. Portable Collection Deaccession (ACTION ITEM) - Megan Cherry

The City of Moscow Portable Collection currently houses 95 pieces, and with its first accession in the mid-1980s, it is the longest-standing of all City Public Art collections. The pieces are displayed in different locations according to accessibility to the public as well as staff interest. Frank Werner's wooden duck decoy was donated to the City Portable Collection by Samuel and Lois Butterfield in 2004, and has been on display in City Supervisor Gary Riedner's office since that time. With Riedner's retirement approaching in January 2022, the MAC discussed on October 12, 2021 and voted on November 9, 2021 to implement the deaccession process in order to present the decoy as a farewell gift. Commission members noted that Portable Collection deaccessions are not anticipated as a standard practice for City staff retirement celebrations, and added that their recommendation for gifting the duck is based upon Riedner's length of service, appreciation of and proximity to the duck, as well as his support of the arts in Moscow.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Deaccession and gift duck decoy to Gary Riedner, provide staff further direction, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Cherry introduced the item as written above. The Moscow Arts Commission reviewed the deaccession and recommended approval of the deaccession. Cherry said acronyms play a big part in government and created an acronym in honor of the deaccession of the duck to Riedner. Staff presented thoughts on how Riedner embodies the Q.U.A.C.K (Quality, Understanding, Activates, Community, Kindness) principle.

Sullivan moved to approve the deaccession and gift duck decoy to Gary Riedner. Kelly seconded. Sullivan said she was the liaison to MAC and there was a lot of research and a lot of discussion for this decision. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lambert presented Riedner with the duck. Riedner said he was totally overwhelmed. The gift and the Moscow community means a lot to him. It takes special people to do public service well and Moscow has that in staff and elected officials. He has felt extremely fortunate to have served Moscow over the years.

5. Oath of Office for Bill Belknap as City Supervisor - Laurie M. Hopkins

The Oath of Office was administered to Bill Belknap.

6. Reports - Reports will be taken from the Mayor and City Council Members regarding commission and committee meetings which have occurred since the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting

No meetings to report on.

7. Recognition of Mayor Bill Lambert and Council Member Brandy Sullivan

Riedner presented Sullivan a vase and Mayor Lambert a clock.

Sullivan said she was fortunate to serve in this capacity and it was rewarding working with staff and commissions. The wealth of knowledge is vital. She thanked the citizens of Moscow for voting, providing public comment and volunteering. When reflecting back on the last four years, she said she took for granted what it takes to run a City. She highlighted issues the Council worked on: commitment to inclusiveness; conversion of public restrooms to be all-gender; addition of affordable housing as a major challenge area in the strategic plan; allocation of funds for affordable housing and nonprofits affected by COVID; measures for unique downtown zoning and entertainment district; inclusion of science in decision making such as COVID. She said she was proud of how the Council remained flexible.

Lambert said this Council understood the priority-based budgeting. He congratulated Bill Belknap and thanked Gary Riedner. The staff is amazing. Commissions and volunteers make Moscow great. He said the present Council has been steadfast and dealt with some tough stuff yet never made decisions for themselves. Decisions were made for the community. He said he was humbled to be the mayor for eight years and thanked his family.

Jenny Ford, ICCU, recognized Sullivan, Lambert and Riedner.

Sullivan said Lambert has been a stellar at being nonpartisan. He did what was best for the community. He is industrious and hardworking and has a sense of humor that catches people off guard. He is a genuine, honest communicator and speaks from the heart. He loves and cares about Moscow is apparent in every meeting.

8. Oath of Office Administered by City Clerk and Certificate of Election Presented to Art Bettge, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, and Gina Taruscio

The Oath of Office was administered to Art Bettge, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, and Gina Taruscio.

ADJOURN 2021 CITY COUNCIL

The 2021 City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

RECONVENE 2022 CITY COUNCIL

The City Council took their new seats and the meeting was reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

9. Council Organization (ACTION ITEM) - Sandra Kelly, 2021 Council Vice President

Kelly presented the City Council assignments, including Kelly as President; Laflin as Vice President; Taruscio, Lewis and Laflin serving on the Public Works/Finance Committee; Zabala, Parker and Kelly serving on the Administrative Committee. Also listed were the boards, commissions and committees the members would serve on. Taruscio moved to accept the City Council assignments. Laflin seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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

Victoria Seever (Moscow) acknowledged and recognized Gary Riedner, Brandy Sullivan and Bill Lambert.

11. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

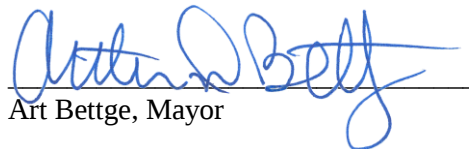
Mayor Bettge put forward the following appointments: Sandra Kelly to the 1912 Center Facility Committee; Hailey Lewis to the 1912 Center Use Committee; Jon Kimberling to the Airport Board; Sandra Kelly and Maureen Laflin to the Urban Renewal Agency Board Member. Lewis moved, Laflin seconded to approve the appointments as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Riedner said staff found Ordinance #17, passed on April 15, 1888. This ordinance set the salaries of City

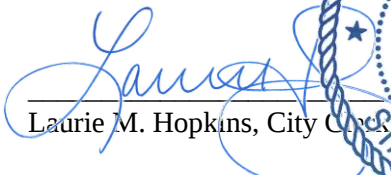
officials. The trustees of the Town of Moscow shall receive for their services the distinguished honor of receiving the growls and curses of the citizens at large and no other compensation whatsoever.

ADJOURN TO RECEPTION HONORING NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND CITY SUPERVISOR

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.


Art Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

