

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday
May 2, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Art Bettge, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, Gina Taruscio

ABSENT: Anne Zabala

STAFF: Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, Amanda Argona, David Schott, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Taruscio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Bike Month

Mayor Bettge read the Bike Month proclamation and presented it to Tanya Denison, Chair of the Moscow Pathways Commission.

Public Service Recognition Week

Mayor Bettge read the Public Service Recognition Week proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council April 25, 2022 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Booster Station Replacement Phase II - Bid Results - Scott Bontrager

The Community Development Team will provide a summary of the bid results for phase two of the Booster Station Replacement project. Two responsive bids were received, with the lowest exceeding the engineer's estimate by approximately 46%. The Public Works/Finance Committee recommended rejection of all bids on April 25, 2022.

ACTION: Reject the low bid from Razz Construction, Inc.

C. Sixth Street Crossing Over Paradise Creek - Bid Results - Scott Bontrager

The Community Development Team will provide a summary of the bid results for the Sixth Street Crossing over Paradise Creek. The City received one bid, at \$1,997,216.00, exceeding the engineer's estimate of \$1,189,538.50. A complete bid analysis was included in the Public Works/Finance Committee packet. They recommended acceptance of the bid on April 25, 2022.

ACTION: Accept the low bid from Razz Construction, Inc., award the contract for \$1,997,216.00, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

D. Latah County Broadband Coalition Pledge - Bill Belknap

Latah County is working to form a coalition made up of stakeholders throughout the County who are pledging to participate in information sharing and gathering to identify opportunities for broadband projects within the County and has approached the City to participate in this process. The following is a list of current coalition members: City of Potlatch, City of Bovill, City of Genesee, City of Kendrick, City of Juliaetta, City of Deary, City of Troy, Latah County Library District, Moscow School District, Kendrick Joint School District, Genesee Joint School District, Potlatch School District, Troy School District, University of Idaho, Gritman Medical Center, Senator David Nelson. There is no financial obligation to participate in the coalition and, instead, will serve to share information and coordinate efforts to expand broadband service within Latah County. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on April 25, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Mayor's signature upon the Latah County Broadband Coalition Pledge.

E. Artwalk Season Finale Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District - Amanda Argona

The City of Moscow Arts Department is hosting the Artwalk Season Finale on Thursday, June 16th, from 4 pm to 8 pm on Main Street between 3rd and 6th Streets. This annual event concludes the 2021-2022 Artwalk Season in an artistic and festive manner. As a City-hosted event, the Arts Department has facilitated the registration of Main Street vendors and demonstrators, as well as business and non-profit host locations. No more than 5 (five) beer/wine vendors will be authorized for beer/wine sales, and a variety of activities will take place including live music, Kidwalk, food sales, art demonstrations, and more. The event has been reviewed and approved as of April 14, 2022. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, Artwalk is requesting a temporary suspension of the open container law by resolution. Per Moscow City Code, Section 10-1-12; a draft resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on April 25, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the temporary suspension of the open container law within the event footprint of the Artwalk Season Finale for the duration of the event.

Kelly moved and Taruscio seconded to approve the consent agenda with the knowledge the date for the minutes on the agenda should be April 18, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mayor Bettge presented to the City Council for consideration the appointments of Carson Ellis to the Fair and Affordable Housing Commission and Cole Mize to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Taruscio moved, Lewis seconded to approve the appointments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Cole Mize said he is looking forward to learning and serving the community.

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

Christina Mangiapani (Moscow) heard from that some citizens were in protest of a safe and sober living residence in Moscow. She is a strong supporter of Latah County Recovery Center. She disagrees that anyone struggling with substance abuse or mental health should be restricted in where they live or how they are treated. To alter a course because of these concerns, to abandon a specific Oxford House location because of a protest against its place among families and recreation and education is in opposition to the mission of the Latah Recovery Center. A good house, a good neighborhood and good resources set the stage for success. She urged everyone to consider what is really be said when saying "not this house".

Sandy Billings (Moscow) said she feels the same as Christina. There is more than a few that the Oxford House is important. They are not afraid to live with people that want to make their lives better. They want to provide the resources to allow the chance to improve.

Andrea Poiron (Moscow), lived in Moscow for 26 years and is a licensed mental health therapist. She is grateful to live in Moscow where the community is accepting and inviting to newcomers. Previously there was no opportunity for help in Moscow. Citizens need to support the journey of healing. Moscow is already a laughing, learning and a loving community. A lot of those in need are veterans who have risked their lives to protect our freedom and safety. She supports the Oxford House establishment in Moscow.

Denise Town (Moscow), said she also supports the Oxford House. Her family experienced the need for safe and sober living and couldn't find it in Moscow or Idaho. She knows someone that needed a safe and sober facility and the outcome was successful. Those suffering with substance abuse or mental health want to become a contributing member of the community. Providing a safe place to live is the first step.

4. Citizen Commission Report - Moscow Pathways Commission - David Schott / Tanya Denison

Schott introduced Tanya Denison, chair of the Moscow Pathways Commission. Denison provided the mission statement and names of the Commission members. Projects over the last couple years have been updating the Farmers Market display banners; preparation of a map brochure for the public; and input for the Edington and Woodbury Subdivisions. The Commission celebrated Bike Month with a Bike Month Proclamation and Bike to Work Day. Future events include the annual bike tour on May 21st beginning at Ghormley Park at 1:30 p.m. and the first annual pedestrian tour in the Fall. Projects for 2022 include continuing to locate orphan paths, pursue involvement for pathway planning in new developments, and consider pathway lighting from US-95 to Styner Avenue.

5. Downtown Streetscape Professional Services Agreement (ACTION ITEM) - Cody Riddle

The Community Development Team will present the results of a recent Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design, engineering, and community engagement services for the Downtown Streetscape Design Project. Staff will seek Council approval to enter into a professional services agreement with the consultant team.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Welch Comer; or take other action deemed appropriate.

Riddle said the Council identified the condition of the downtown infrastructure as a major challenge in the Strategic Plan. Most of the streetscape was completed in 1981 with the exception of Friendship Square in 2006. In 2018, the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) updated their boundary of the Legacy Crossing District to allow the Agency to participate in improvements. The RFQ for design services was advertised in January 2022. Seven statements of qualifications were received and reviewed by a five member staff committee. Two groups were interviewed with Welch Comer being selected. This is not a downtown revitalization. Some of the infrastructure such as sidewalks and underground utilities need to be updated. Phasing will be important. This isn't a staff or Council project, but a community project so out reach is as much if not more important than the design services. The agreement will result in a 30-60% design package with a phasing plan and cost estimate. At 30-60%, it is effectively concepts refined enough to give a cost estimate, not engineering, structural or building drawings. The design will take well into 2022 and possibly 2023. The \$160,000 is split between the City and MURA, and both agencies have budgeted accordingly should it bridge both fiscal years.

Kelly is in support of the project but looking ahead, worried about inflation of steel and other construction materials in the midst of the unknown housing issue and recession. Riddle said at some point some of the upgrades will become a necessity. The phased approach will give the City an understanding of cost to help inform some of the long-term decisions.

Taruscio agreed with Sandra in that it is an important project and it will have some upgrades that will necessary. She said this is an example of how a renewal agency cooperates with a city in which it resides. Taruscio moved, Lewis seconded, to approve the professional services agreement with Welch Comer.

Lewis said with the community vision, if it were to be postponed, she doesn't think it would be very long.

The MURA has this project in their Capital Improvement Plan. There are multiple times along the way there will be public input meetings as well as social media and attendance at events such as Farmers Market. The contract also includes two or three presentations to Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Human Rights Commission – Kelly said the Commission is progressing well for the month of diversity and inclusivity which is in October.

Historic Preservation Commission - Kelly said the Commission is working on Orchid Awards.

1912 Center Development Committee – Kelly said the construction on third floor is continuing; searching for items for the historic classroom.

Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee – Taruscio reported that one of the graduate students spoke on boundaries of wells and how they recharge with each other; the Committee received a good pool of candidates for the executive director position; a social with the top three candidates will take place May 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SMART Transit - Lewis reported they are still hiring for drivers; plan on adding Saturday service back in time for Farmers Market.

Mayor

Mayor Bettge said he attended the District 2 AIC spring district workshop where Taruscio was elected as second director on the Board; he met with six government classes and spoke on municipal government; attended the Airport Board meeting and the structural steel for the roof has been ordered, terminal design is about complete, terminal bids go out mid-May, applying for \$12 million more in grants; attended the Arbor Day celebration last Friday.

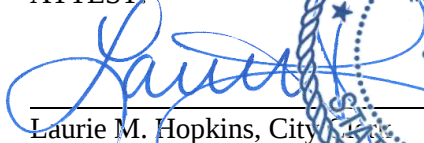
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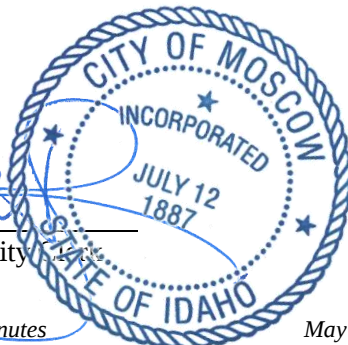
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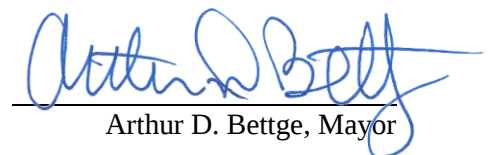
ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor