Moscow City Council

Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Monday December 17, 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, Jim Boland Councilmember, Brandy Sullivan Councilmember, Bill Lambert Mayor

ABSENT: Art Bettge Councilmember (Excused), Anne Zabala Councilmember (Excused)

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Vowels, Bill Belknap, Kyle Steele, Tyler Palmer, James Fry, Laurie M. Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance
Council Member Bonzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Gina Taruscio, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Jim Boland, Councilmember
AYES:	Kathryn Bonzo, Gina Taruscio, Jim Boland, Brandy Sullivan
EXCUSED:	Art Bettge, Anne Zabala

A. Approval of Moscow City Council December 3, 2018 Minutes – Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report for November 2018 – Sarah Banks
The Accounts Payable Report for the month ending November 2018. This was reviewed, signed and approved by the Public Works/Finance Committee on December 10, 2018.

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

C. 2019 City Limits Designation – Kevin Lilly
DESCRIPTION: Idaho State Code requires that all cities within the State of Idaho designate their legal corporate limits each year. In order to accomplish this, a new legal description of the corporate limits is developed at the beginning of the year that incorporates any and all changes to the City boundary that have occurred during the last calendar year. Because there were no annexations during 2018, it is not necessary to modify the legal description for the City's corporate limits. A simple acknowledgement that the limits remain the same as those adopted in 2018 under Ordinance 2018-04 will be sufficient to comply with state requirements. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Works/Finance Committee on December 10, 2018.

ACTION: Acknowledge the City of Moscow corporate limits for 2019 remain unchanged.

D. ITD State/Local Agreement - 6Th Street LHSIP Project Construction – Alisa Anderson
On May 16, 2016, staff received notification from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) that the City was awarded funding through the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) for the 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements request with total project costs

of $154,409. The design of the project was completed in September 2018 and construction is scheduled for the summer of 2019. The project is located on East 6th Street from Asbury to Jefferson. The safety improvements include ADA compliant curb extensions, ADA pedestrian ramps, and high visibility thermoplastic crosswalks to support existing traffic calming measures implemented by the University of Idaho further west on 6th Street. The City has received the State/Local Agreement and the corresponding Resolution for construction. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee on December 10, 2018.

ACTION: Approve the State/Local Agreement and corresponding Resolution for "Construction" of the 6th Street Pedestrian Improvement, Project No. A020 (109), Key No. 20109.

E. Idaho Commission on the Arts Grant Application – Jen Pfiffner

The Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA) Entry Track Grant is an annual opportunity designed to support public programs in the arts delivered by Idaho's arts organizations. The National Endowment for the Arts is the federal agency that provides funding that is administered by ICA. Grant awards are based on a formula that considers the panel review assessment, fiscal size of the organization, and past Commission funding. If awarded, funds would be used to support the public art project slated for the C and Main Street location as outlined in the Moscow Public Art Master Plan and the as approved by the Moscow City Council.

The City of Moscow has applied and received this grant for several consecutive years. The current cycle requires an application due on January 31, 2019. Awards are anticipated to be announced in June of 2019 with 90% of the award amount funded in July of 2019.

This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee on December 10, 2018.

ACTION: Approve application for the Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA) Entry Track Grant program.

F. FY20 Cooperative Agreement ADA Ramp – Alisa Anderson

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) hosts a state-administered funding program to address non-compliant pedestrian curb ramps on the State Highway System. In March of 2018 the City submitted a funding request to ITD to construct three (3) ADA pedestrian curb ramps. The City has received a Cooperative Agreement for one (1) curb ramp located on the SE corner of Third and Jackson Streets with an award amount of $32,000. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee on December 10, 2018.

ACTION: Approve the Cooperative Agreement for Project No. A022(091), FY20 Moscow 1 ADA Ramp, Latah County, Key No. 22091 and corresponding Resolution.

G. City of Lewiston Agreement with City of Moscow - Shooting Range – James Fry

The Moscow Police Department upholds high standards for firearms training and skills and maintains firearm qualifications for our officers. In addition to officer qualifications and practice, the Department's special response team conducts firearm training once a month. The shooting range owned by the City of Moscow can be inaccessible during the winter months due to snow conditions. The City of Lewiston owns an outdoor shooting range which is accessible most months due to its milder climate. The use of the City of Lewiston shooting range would provide training options for Moscow Police Department officers when the Department's range is closed due to inclement weather conditions. There is no cost to the City of Moscow for use of the City of Lewiston's range. The Moscow Police Department is requesting the City of Moscow enter into an agreement with the City of Lewiston to enable police department officers to utilize the City of Lewiston's shooting range on an as-needed basis. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee on December 10, 2018.

ACTION: Approve the Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the City of Moscow to allow use of the City of Lewiston's shooting range.

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

None offered.

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mayor Lambert proposed a list of re-appointments for the City commissions (see attached list). The City Council confirmed all the appointments by roll call vote.

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

None offered.

5. Citizen Commission Report - Historic Preservation Commission - Bill Belknap / Wendy McClure

Belknap introduced Wendy McClure. McClure went through the members of the commission, the annual newsletter, Orchid awards, interpretive signs and a University district.

6. Gotcha Mobility Bike Share Program (ACTION ITEM) – Tyler Palmer

Over the last several years the University of Idaho and the City of Moscow have researched and considered implementation of a Bike Share Program within the City. Consider request to enter into an agreement with the University of Idaho and Gotcha Mobility for an e-bike share program. Gotcha Mobility has been selected as the best-fit shared mobility provider for the University and City of Moscow. Gotcha Mobility provides a complete shared mobility package, including pedal assist e-bikes, e-scooters, and rideshare, which may allow for expanded shared mobility services in the future. The annual cost for 50 Gotcha branded e-bikes is $45,000 and is proposed that this program expense be shared between the University of Idaho and the City of Moscow. Funding was not appropriated in the FY2019 budget. If approved, funding is proposed to come from overrunning the Non-departmental Public Transit line item (101-140-10-625-12), which would be addressed in the annual open-budget process. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Works/Finance Committee on December 10, 2018.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Idaho and Gotcha Mobility for an e-bike share program and authorize funding from Non-departmental Public Transit line item (101-140-10-625-12); or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Palmer gave a brief introduction saying the City wants something safe, user friendly, sustainable and meets the needs of the community. He invited Becky Couch to the podium.

Couch said Gotcha provides a complete mobility package to communities that include e-bikes, e-scooters and ride share programs. This pilot program only includes the ebike. The company assists communities on the end goal in this growing alternative to transportation.

Jacob Lockhart, ASUI Senator, urged support for Gotcha. This will allow students that do not have transportation to interact with the community. This opportunity will have many benefits to the whole community as more citizens can visit downtown, ride to work, and have a recreational outlet.

This pilot bike program would be partnered with the University of Idaho sharing the cost at $22,500 each. After the pilot program, Gotcha will seek out corporate sponsorships to diminish the amount of the City's commitment. Any uidaho.edu domain can have 30 minutes free daily. Other citizens and visitors have to pay an annual membership or a $0.01 per minute fee. The system is dockless and bikes can be left within the geofenced area. There is an extra charge if left outside the geofenced area. Gotcha offers free helmets at launch and will sell helmets to the partner. They also provide recharging and redistribution. Funding has been identified and staff anticipates an April 1st roll out. Staff is looking for authorization to move forward with the project contract. At the end of the pilot program, data will be reviewed and adjusted if necessary or discontinue the program. Boland moved and Bonzo seconded to approve entering into an agreement with the University of Idaho and Gotcha Mobility for an e-bike share program and authorize funding from Non-departmental Public Transit line item (101-140-10-625-12). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim Boland, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathryn Bonzo, Council President
AYES:	Kathryn Bonzo, Gina Taruscio, Jim Boland, Brandy Sullivan
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7. Proposed Climate Change and Carbon Fee Resolution (ACTION ITEM) – Gary J. Riedner

The City of Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC) has proposed that the City Council adopt a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact a revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend policy in order to address climate change and the role of carbon emissions contributing to climate change. A copy of the proposed Resolution is attached. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee on December 10, 2018.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Adopt the resolution; reject the resolution or take other action deemed appropriate.

Riedner introduced the item as written above. A similar resolution was approved by Pullman in August. Mayor Lambert made sure the proposed resolution encourages the Legislature to take into consideration that it be transparent and understandable and not impact the economically disadvantaged.

Steele explained the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) presented to the SEC in February in September the Commission endorsed the resolution.

Mary Dupree expressed concern of the crisis of global warning. She feels the City does a great job controlling greenhouse gases and feels Moscow needs to communicate concerns with the Legislature. A bill was introduced to Congress and will most likely be reintroduced in February.

Mac Cantrell said the thing that gives him hope is the people coming together with diverse backgrounds and diverse views. This resolution gives a signal to the congressman that something needs to be done. The CCL lobbies the legislatures regularly and if approved, this is an important step. Boise is working on an updated comprehensive plan that would include major climate change. Exxon Mobile gave monies to Americans for Carbon Dividends to actively push for carbon fee dividend. He feels this issue needs to be addressed and this resolution is one of most powerful ways to do so.

Bonzo moved and Sullivan seconded to adopt the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Kathryn Bonzo, Council President
SECONDER:	Brandy Sullivan, Councilmember
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8. Approval of Real Estate Purchase (ACTION ITEM) – Gary J. Riedner

Pursuant to City Council direction and the City's Strategic Plan, Staff has been investigating potential sites for the location of a new police station facility. A potential site has been identified as meeting the criteria for the police station. Staff has been negotiating with the property owner on terms for purchase. The purchase and sale agreement will be presented for Council consideration and approval at the meeting, as it is anticipated that negotiations will be completed at that time.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Review purchase and sale agreement and approve the agreement or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Riedner provided a background of the project. Staff looked at all lots and buildings within the area of downtown and none were feasible. The recycling center property was also reviewed and Riedner gave specifics. Three properties were brought to Council in executive session where one was deemed cost prohibitive. The second was not centrally located and the third site was pursued. While it not as centrally located to downtown, it is close to campus. Riedner showed a potential conceptual plan and how it would sit on the property. An agreement and acknowledgement of receipt of advice of rights was passed out. The offer includes 90 day feasibility to review the site and check on title of property. The owner will relocate the existing stormwater detention and complete the construction of Myrtle Street by October 31, 2019. Closing on the property is extended to June 2019. A General Obligation (GO) bond is proposed in May to pay for the project. The City has no outstanding GO bonds at this time. A feasibility study will be completed where at time the City can terminate and the seller will refund the $5,000 deposit or if the feasibility is confirmed, the property will be removed from the market and closing will proceed. The deposit becomes an option payment and becomes non-refundable. The property is held under contract through the bond election. The City has 30 days after the bond election date to proceed to closing. The estimates of the bond amount needs to be updated but the previous amount was $10 million which included street and downtown development. This bond is proposed to relocate to a modern police facility, renovate the Fourth Street building to take care of other City needs such as Community Development and Engineering and remodel the Paul Mann Building for more City needs such as our Information Systems Department. Storage of records is a large issue for the City. The feasibility study costs will be paid for from General Fund Capital and brought forward in the open budget process. Design is anticipated to take 4 months with bidding in the Winter of 2019. Construction would follow in Spring 2020.

Taruscio moved to approve the real estate purchase agreement. Bonzo seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
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Reports

City Council
Moscow Volunteer Fire Department - Taruscio said the department discussed the second fire truck which is in process with an anticipated June delivery.

Transportation Commission - Taruscio said the Commission elected new officers; received the Gotcha program presentation and was in favor; discussed the 3rd Street pedestrian/bicycle bridge and recommended the northern most placement.

Moscow Pathways Commission - Sullivan reported the Commission discussed ebikes and their use on pathways and drafting definitions and codes for regulating ebikes with a presentation to Council.

Bonzo spoke on recycling education.

Moscow Arts Commission - Bonzo said the Commission discussed strategic planning; they are looking for members to fill vacant positions; the Artwalk call for artists is already out.

Mayor
Mayor Lambert said he held a Mayors Youth Advisory Council meeting where the big discussion was on fundraising.

Staff
Riedner thanked the staff, Mayor and Council for attending the employee holiday potluck. He also reminded the public they are responsible for cleaning their adjacent sidewalks. The City Offices will be closed December 24 and 25.

Adjourn to Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(C), (1)(E) and (1)(F) - The meeting will not reconvene.
As there was no Executive Session, Taruscio moved, Boland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. with full Council consensus.

Bill Lambert
Bill Lambert, Mayor

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