

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday
January 3, 2023**

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

ABSENT: Gina Taruscio

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, James Fry, Shaine Gunderson, Ryan Snyder, Josh Thueson, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bettge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bettge read the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day proclamation and presented it to Chief Fry, Gunderson, Snyder and Thueson.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Council Organization (ACTION ITEM) - Sandra Kelly, 2022 Council President

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

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

Victoria Seever (Moscow) thanked previous Council Member Anne Zabala for her time as a council member. She complimented Drew Davis saying she had absolute confidence in the Mayor's selection of Davis.

Stevie Steely (rural Moscow) said she was informed City staff will present a sanitation report at a future meeting and offered her assistance. She emailed staff and offered information that can be included on the report. She is still working with staff regarding a special increase yet no resolution. Things are more pressing and doesn't know what the next step is if a resolution can't be met.

Dr. Casey Bolt (Pullman) is the new director of Sojourner's Alliance. He is interested in fair and affordable housing and passed out a brief list of impediments that are identified in the state. He would like to know where the city is with action items. He has been in touch with Aimee Hennrich, staff liaison to the FAHC.

3. Approval of Moscow City Council December 19, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Laurie M. Hopkins

Parker moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022 as presented. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. 2023 City Limits Ordinance (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

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 Gary Peterson property (1825 N Polk Extension) on January 18th, 2022, and the Edington Estates property on November 7th, 2022. 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 upcoming January 3, 2023 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 and explained it. Parker asked for information regarding the locations that are not annexed but within the City limits. Belknap explained when the ballfield property on East Palouse River Drive was annexed into the City, the property owner at that time advocated not be annexed. The property had limited city services and no sanitation sewer. The southeast island was created when the property south of the cemetery was annexed and similarly the property owner requested not to be annexed. City didn't have ability to furnish water and sewer. Kelly moved 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. Laflin seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bettge read Ordinance 2023-01 by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 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.

5. Update on Ragnar the Drug Dog - Ryan Snyder / Shaine Gunderson

Gunderson explained the process for creating a K9 unit. Ragnar came from Amsterdam. He and Snyder attended a 5-week handler training at Vohne Liche Kennels in Indiana. From April to November, there were 19 overdose reports with heroin being five of them. Since August 1st there has been 22 deployments and 12 positive alerts (33 pieces of drug paraphernalia, 30 grams of meth, 10 fentanyl laced pills, 0.5 grams of heroin, 3.4 grams of marijuana). Ragnar is called in on traffic stops if necessary but would not be sniffing on a walk, such as walking downtown. Gunderson said Ragnar takes part the Newbill Kids Safety Fair and red ribbon week which is a drug awareness for parents and students at the high school. He is trained regularly. Snyder does not put Ragnar in dangerous situations but he does carry Narcan on the off chance he needs it.

REPORTS

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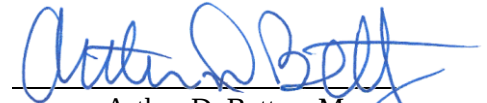
Farmers Market Commission – Lewis reported the Commission is rolling out the 2023 FM poster contest.

Mayor

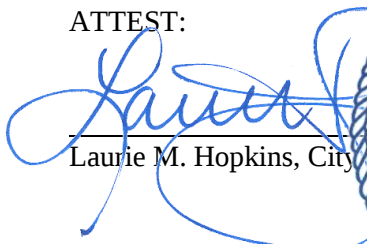
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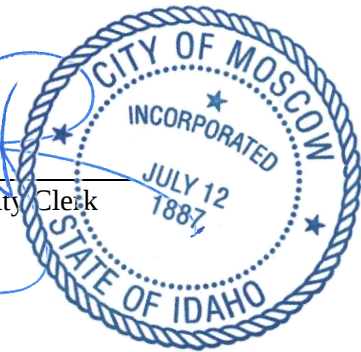
ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.


Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk



2023 CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Council President – Maureen Laflin

Council Vice President – Gina Taruscio

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th MONDAYS, 3:00 P.M.

Chair – Hailey Lewis

Vice Chair – Maureen Laflin

Member – Gina Taruscio

PUBLIC WORKS/FINANCE COMMITTEE

2nd & 4th MONDAYS, 4:00 P.M.

Chair – Julia Parker

Vice Chair – Sandra Kelly

Members – Drew Davis

City Standing Commissions and Committees:

Arts Commission.....	<u>Julia Parker</u>
Building Code Advisory Committee.....	<u>Drew Davis</u>
Fair & Affordable Housing Commission.....	<u>Drew Davis</u>
Farmers Market Commission.....	<u>Maureen Laflin</u>
Historic Preservation Commission.....	<u>Gina Taruscio</u>
Human Rights Commission.....	<u>Hailey Lewis</u>
Moscow Pathways Commission.....	<u>Hailey Lewis</u>
Parks & Recreation Commission.....	<u>Drew Davis</u>
Planning and Zoning Commission.....	<u>Gina Taruscio</u>
Sustainable Environment Commission.....	<u>Maureen Laflin</u>
Transportation Commission.....	<u>Julia Parker</u>
Tree Commission.....	<u>Gina Taruscio</u>

Other Appointments:

1912 Center Facility Committee.....	Mayor Appoints/Council Confirm	<u>Sandra Kelly</u>
1912 Center Use Committee.....	Mayor Appoints/Council Confirm	<u>Hailey Lewis</u>
Airport Board.....	Mayor Appoints/Council Confirm	<u>Jon Kimberling</u>
Airport Board Vice Chair.....		<u>Art Bettge</u>
CEDA.....		<u>Julia Parker</u>
Chamber of Commerce Board Ex-officio.....		<u>Art Bettge</u>
Moscow Volunteer Fire Department.....		<u>Sandra Kelly</u>
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee.....		<u>Sandra Kelly</u>
SMART Board.....		<u>Hailey Lewis</u>
Urban Renewal Agency Board Member.....	Mayor Appoints/Council Confirm	<u>Sandra Kelly</u>
(2 yr term expiring 2024)		
Urban Renewal Agency Board Member.....	Mayor Appoints/Council Confirm	<u>Maureen Laflin</u>
(2 yr term expiring 2023)		
WHITCOM Executive Board.....		<u>Police Chief</u>

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State of Idaho – Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

<https://fairhousingforum.org/wp-content/uploads/Idaho-2022-AI.pdf>

Under Executive Summary – Starting on page 8 a list of impediments to fair housing choice

Impediment No. 1: Many Idaho workers earn low wages that have failed to keep pace with housing cost increases and some residents remain unemployed despite a strong labor market. These residents face persistent cost burden.

Impediment No. 2: Housing needs persist—and disproportionately affect persons with disabilities and racial and ethnic minority households.

Impediment No. 3: Idaho's regulatory stance on laws affecting affordable housing does not actively facilitate housing production.

Impediment No. 4: Knowledge of fair housing laws and rights could be improved to facilitate housing choice.

Under Executive Summary – Starting on page 10 a list of action items to address impediments to fair housing choice.

Action item No. 1: Address workers' and residents' housing needs through incentives, funding, and technical assistance.

Action item No. 2a: Reduce disparities in housing needs among persons with disabilities and racial and ethnic minority households.

Action item No. 2b: Increase the number of accessible and visitable housing units and accessible neighborhoods for persons with disabilities.

Action item No. 3: Support legislative efforts to expand housing choice.

Action item No. 4: Continue fair housing education and outreach and further local governments' adoption of AFFH principles.