

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
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Monday
May 15, 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, Drew Davis, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, Gina Taruscio

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Cody Riddle, Brian Nickerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

EMS Week

Mayor Bettge read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Brian Nickerson.

Memorial Day

Mayor Bettge read the Memorial Day proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council May 1, 2023 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report April 2023 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the April 2023 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on May 8th, 2023. The Committee received the report and approved the disbursements as presented.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of April 2023.

C. Camp Moscowanna Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District - Amanda Argona

The Moscow Chamber of Commerce + Visitor Center is hosting Camp Moscowanna on Saturday, June 10th, from 4 pm to 8 pm on Main Street between 3rd and 6th Streets. This summer camp-themed event is designed to evoke the nostalgia of family-friendly gatherings and features: corn-hole, a children's fishing hole, sing-a-long log, relay events, s'mores station, yarn art, photo booth, live music, up to ten local food vendors, and up to ten beer/wine vendors. The event has been reviewed and approved by staff as of April 13, 2023. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, Camp Moscowanna 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 the Council's consideration. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on May 8, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the temporary suspension of the open container law within the event footprint of Camp Moscowanna for the duration of the event.

D. Idaho Public Television Tower Lease Agreement - Bill Belknap

The City is currently working toward the replacement of the City's emergency communications radio system due to the current equipment reaching end-of-life as well as system coverage deficiencies. One component of that project will include the installation of additional radio antennas and equipment on the radio tower located on Paradise Ridge which is owned by the State of Idaho and operated by Idaho Public Television (IPTV). Staff worked with IPTV to prepare a lease agreement to allow the installation of the new equipment planned for installation with the new radio system. The Lease Agreement is now before the Council for review and approval. This item was reviewed by the Public Works Finance Committee on May 8, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the proposed lease agreement.

Lewis moved and Laflin seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Nick Koenig (Moscow) said he was disappointed CO2 emissions weren't brought up in the discussion regarding the downtown streetscape project. He was excited about the passing of the climate action plan. The total concrete emissions for phase 1 of the project is 3,200 tons of CO2 emissions which is around 55 tons less than the 2019 city emissions. He said this is a massive amount of CO2 from concrete only. He hopes CO2 is brought up in the future discussions of the streetscape project as well as other city conversations.

3. Ordinance Amending Moscow City Code Title 4 Appeal Procedures (ACTION ITEM) - Cody Riddle

Staff is seeking Council direction on a proposed amendment to Moscow City Code to consolidate and clarify the procedural requirements associated with appeals. This includes a repeal of Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 10-8 (Procedures for the Appeals of Interpretation or Administration), and amendments to the following:

- Title 4, Chapter 5, Section 5-6.D (Variance and Appeal Procedures)
- Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 8-2 (Appeals of Zoning Administrator Decisions)
- Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 8-5 (Appeals to City Council)
- Title 4, Chapter 8 (Table of Contents)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend forwarding the proposed amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for public hearing, or provide staff with further direction.

Riddle introduced the item as written above. Staff feels these amendments are necessary to prepare a clearer process for appeals. Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 8-5 establishes grounds for which appeals can be filed, provides how appeals will be handled, and codifies actions the Council may take. In answer to Lewis' questions, Belknap explained the relevant criteria for land use aren't being changed. The lower bodies still have to adequately review, use the appropriate criteria and document any condition of approval. The amendments in the draft ordinance clarify under what grounds a person can file an appeal. It provides guidance on areas the council can act upon, and not something that may just be extraneous, to focus on something to identify how the board erred with their decision. Taruscio said appeals can be daunting and this provides deliberate steps that are accessible. There was consensus of the Council to forward the proposed amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for public hearing.

4. Pullman-Moscow Airport Federal Grant Acceptance Authorization (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap/Tony Bean

The Pullman-Moscow Airport has applied for an additional \$10 million in Federal funding in support of the terminal and apron construction project at the Airport. The current request is to authorize

acceptance of up to \$10 Million, which includes \$3.5 Million in FAA supplemental programming funding and a competitive Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant request in the amount of \$6,356,000. The BIL grant request was found by FAA to be competitive and successful, announced by Congressional representation, and will be awarded pending completion of the sponsors' acceptance and subsequent design and bid from the Consultant and Contractor. We are still currently awaiting a final decision on the supplemental programming funding request. Grant match funding is anticipated to be met by a recently announced \$500,000 grant from the State of Idaho Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and additional local funding sources. To facilitate the grants, it is necessary to preauthorize its acceptance due to the short time allowed between award and acceptance. The draft resolution has been prepared for that purpose. The resolution also authorizes the execution of related assurances and certifications.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Preauthorize the acceptance of up to \$10 Million in additional Federal funding and approve the associated Resolution; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Belknap introduced the item as written above. The resolution is a preauthorization as the grant applications are typically a quick turnaround. Taruscio moved to preauthorize the acceptance of up to \$10 Million in additional Federal funding and approve the associated Resolution. Kelly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Farmers Market Commission – Laflin reported the Commission had a presentation of the streetscape project. They also tabled at the market and artist Wendy Schmidt was signing posters.

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency – Laflin said two proposals for the Sixth and Jackson project were received and review of them will begin.

Moscow Arts Commission – Parker said the sculptures at the transit center are installed and the storm drain murals will be installed for Artwalk in June. Parker read a letter from a third grader to the MAC regarding painting city buildings.

Moscow Volunteer Fire Department – Kelly said the Department had graduation for their residents and presented life-saving awards. At their regular meeting they discussed how to fill voids when the students are gone.

Parks and Recreation Commission - Davis said they are working on survey questions and are scheduling park tours for the near future.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission – Davis said the Commission sent a letter to the City Council regarding support for households in the mobile home parks outside city limits and the organizations that are assisting them.

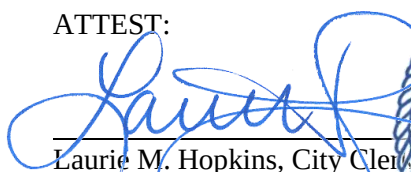
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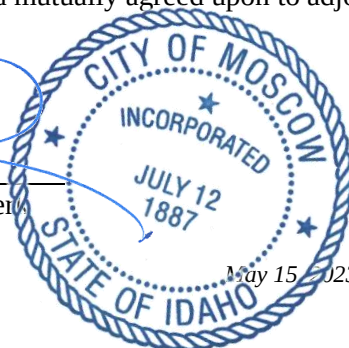
Mayor Bettge also attended the graduation and life-saving awards for the Fire Department; attended stepping stones where they are receiving applications for assistance for the disabled; public service recognition week BBQ for employees and the CHAMPS awards; Leadership Moscow had their graduation; he spoke to three first grade classes regarding how government runs.

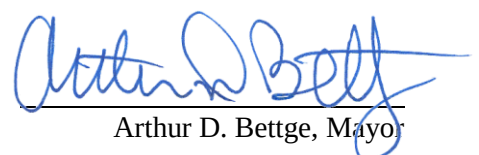
ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor