

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday
February 5, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Art Bettge, Bryce Blankenship, Drew Davis, Sandra Kelly, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, Gina Taruscio

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, Tyler Palmer, Megan Cherry, Aimee Hennrich, Amanda Argona, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council January 16, 2024 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Lot Line Adjustment at 2216 S Main St – Aimee Hennrich

The applicants are requesting a lot line adjustment between three parcels located at 2216 S Main Street. Parcel one is currently 2.02 acres in size, parcel two is 0.74 acres, and parcel three is 4.65 acres. As a result of the lot line adjustment, parcel one would decrease in size to 1.29 acres, parcel two would increase to 2.57 acres, and parcel three would decrease to 3.55 acres. The applicant is requesting the lot line adjustment to allow for the sale of a portion of the property. Parcel one is currently vacant land, parcel two is comprised of two buildings which contain various commercial uses including an automotive repair business, and parcel three is vacant land. The subject properties are located within the Motor Business (MB) Zoning District where there is no minimum lot size or lot width requirements. Additionally, every lot shall abut a public street right-of-way for a minimum distance of 40 feet. All of the proposed lots meet this requirement. This item was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment.

C. Pour Company Starkbierfest Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District - Amanda Argona

Pour Company is hosting Starkbierfest on Saturday, March 2 from 1 to 5 pm on Sixth Street between Deakin Avenue and Asbury Street. This event is the first to utilize this section of Moscow's Entertainment District with the potential to be an annual function. The applicant is the only licensed beer/wine provider and anticipates no more than three food trucks/vendors. Live music is scheduled to be a part of the festivities. In similar fashion to other approved Entertainment District events, alcohol is not permitted outside the approved event footprint, and a check-i.d. station will be utilized for the distribution of wristbands and event containers to participants 21 years of age or older. This event has been reviewed and approved as of December 21, 2023. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, Starkbierfest 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 Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024 and recommended for approval.

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

D. Well 2 and 3 Chlorine Generator Retrofit - Proposal Results & Contract Award - Scott Bontrager

The Well 2 and 3 Chlorine Generator Retrofit project includes the procurement of an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system (OSHGS) to replace the existing chlorine gas system. The transition from chlorine gas to on-site sodium hypochlorite will dramatically reduce safety-related operational concerns for handling, transporting, and use of the disinfection solution. On-site generation will improve independence for chemical production, and provide stable pricing for solution makeup. The on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system, once procured, will be installed by City staff. The City published a request for proposals on December 23, 2023, with sealed proposals due by 2:00 pm, Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Proposals were opened on January 9, 2024, at which time one (1) proposal was received. The responsive proposal received was submitted by Filtration Technology, Inc. with a bid of \$219,250. A proposal analysis letter is included in the Committee packet. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the proposal from Filtration Technology, Inc., award the contract in the amount of \$219,250.00, and authorize staff approval of change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

E. Brent Drive Sewer Project - Bid Results & Contract Award - Bob Buvel

This project's scope includes the construction of approximately 1,300 linear feet of 8" PVC-sewer main, as well as surface restoration of parking lots, streets, and sidewalks. Construction of the sewer main includes new manholes and connections to existing sewer services. The City advertised for bids on December 9, 2023, & December 16, 2023, and the Engineer's estimate for construction was \$473,225.00. Bids were opened on January 9, 2024, at which four (4) bids were received. The bids ranged from \$428,424.00 to \$529,865.00. Of those bids, the lowest responsive bid received was submitted by Germer Construction of Moscow, ID with a bid of \$428,424.00. A bid tabulation is included in the packet. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the bid from Germer Construction, award the contract in the amount of \$428,424.00, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

F. Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation Agreement - Bill Belknap

Idaho Code § 67-2807 authorizes political subdivisions of the State of Idaho to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with the State of Idaho, other Idaho political subdivisions, other government entities, or associations thereof with the approval of its governing board. Sourcewell is a cooperative purchasing organization that conducts public competitive procurement and provides an efficient means of procuring certain goods and services. The City has previously participated in the program and purchased various equipment and heavy vehicles through the program. The City desires to continue to participate in the Sourcewell program and is seeking Council approval to execute a new Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation Agreement.

ACTION: Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation Agreement and authorize the Mayor's signature thereon through the proposed resolution.

G. CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Transporter Inspection Equipment Contract – Evan Timar / Steve Schulte.

The City utilizes Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) equipment to perform inspections of the City's sanitary and storm sewer systems. The City's CCTV equipment is reaching its end of life and needs replacement. The City is proposing to purchase the replacement CCTV equipment through the Sourcewell program, which is a cooperative procurement program that conducts competitive bidding that member public agencies can utilize in compliance with State of Idaho procurement requirements. The proposed purchase agreement includes the replacement of all necessary CCTV equipment within our camera inspection van and includes an additional portable inspection unit. This equipment provides a streamlined approach to keeping our sanitary sewer and storm drain systems inspected and functional with the most modern and accurate inspection technology available. With updated transporter inspection equipment, the City will eliminate the guesswork of previously inaccessible pipelines, which will reduce the number of inspection complications and time spent completing field investigation activities. In addition to these savings, the ancillary data supplied by new inspection equipment will provide operations with information that can help optimize sewer and storm system conveyance, customer service, and help maintain a proactive approach to improving sanitary and storm system monitoring. The City budgeted a total of \$215,000 for sewer inspection equipment and \$108,000 for stormwater inspection equipment in the FY2024 budget. Updated quotes were received for both sewer and stormwater on January 10, 2024. The contract prices are \$205,571.88 for sewer, and \$113,424.46 for stormwater. This item was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the quotes provided by MetroQuip through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amounts of \$205,571.88 for sewer, and \$113,424.46 for stormwater, and approve the associated Purchase Agreement.

H. Police Statewide E-Ticket Equipment Grant Application - Alisa Anderson / Chris Caylor

The Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) Office of Highway Safety (OHS) receives grant funding from the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA). This funding is used to support grant programs and activities identified in the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) to assist local government agencies. The Information System Department is requesting to submit a grant application on behalf of the Moscow Police Department to purchase e-ticketing equipment to replace existing outdated units in ten (10) police vehicles. Total project costs are estimated at \$40,000, requiring a 25% match of \$10,000 and a grant request of \$30,000. This item was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on January 22, 2024, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the grant application to the Office of Highway Safety for the Statewide E-Ticket Equipment program for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Kelly moved and Taruscio 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)

David Barber (Moscow) with Sister City Association, thanked the City for the annual support. He introduced Nicaragua exchange student Hailen who has been here for 2 weeks. She has three goals while here for the semester: get to know the people of the community; perfect her English, and study American methods of teaching and learning language. She is an elementary school teacher and is involved with Palouse Prairie. Hailen said she is happy to be here. We have a wonderful city with amazing people and happy to be here and thank you for the support.

3. Citizen Commission Report – Moscow Arts Commission – Megan Cherry / Aaron Johnson

Cherry said Moscow has the oldest arts commission in Idaho. Stacy Boe Miller said this is her last year as poet laureate. She participated in Artwalk last year listening to stories of people and typing up a poem. She read a poem from that session regarding a preschool teacher.

Cherry introduced Aaron Johnson, who was on the MAC when he was graduate student in 2009-2010 and helped initiate Palouse Plein Aire. He now teaches painting at the University.

Johnson showed the current members and total amount of volunteer hours. Compared to 2022, Palouse Plein Air increased registration students 11 to 15, artists 31 to 32; exhibition artworks 82 to 104 and reception attendees 120 to 150. Third Floor Gallery is scheduled with different shows of experience to allow many artists to participate. He spoke on Artwalk, workshops and vinyl wraps. 2024 brings the 20th Artwalk season finale; 15th Palouse Plein Air and the reinstallation of the mural on the water department building.

4. Associated Students of the University of Idaho Council Liaison Request (ACTION ITEM) - Gina Taruscio, Council President

The City Council and the Associated Students of the University of Idaho (ASUI) meet twice per year to discuss matters of mutual interest between the City and students of the University of Idaho. In furtherance of that collaboration, the Council recently received a proposal from the President of ASUI to create a dedicated Council liaison position to work alongside ASUI to continue and strengthen the partnership and communication between the two entities. The proposal is now before the Council for consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Consider the proposal from ASUI and take action as deemed necessary.

Taruscio explained that at their council organization workshop they discussed interaction between the Associated Students University of Idaho (ASUI) and the council. In speaking with ASUI, they proposed a council member attend ASUI meetings for more partnership and collaboration on City/ASUI events.

Tanner McClain, current student and president of the ASUI said there has been great conversations with City staff and Council at Town and gown but not much follow up. By establishing a liaison, the City will learn more about the student body and students will more about city government and projects around town.

Bryce said he is excited about improving communication between the town and the university. He tells his students to learn about the community they live in. Lewis said she is happy to see the legislative field trip come back. Thanked Tanner for the outline of the vision of collaboration. Tanner agreed this is a partnership in collaboration and way to communicate. Kelly said the ASUI is a great group, very diverse, and she is excited to carry this through the years. She thinks this will help our town to know the students more and vice versa. Mayor Bettge pointed out students are 1/3 of the Moscow population. Anything to do to facilitate more communication between the City and students is welcome. Taruscio commented this is a great way to recruit future leaders.

Taruscio confirmed this is an annual ex-officio position. Kelly moved to create a dedicated council liaison position to work alongside ASUI to continue and strength the partnership communication between the two entities. Taruscio seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Parker was chosen for the position.

REPORTS

City Council

1912 Center Development Committee – Kelly said the Committee reviewed two presentations from architects which have been forwarded to the Heart of the Arts board.

Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee – Taruscio said they are working on the request for proposals for preliminary design for alternative #1; discussing the start of a research colloquium; website; stakeholder engagement group.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Davis reported they discussed utilization rates of how parks and recreation is working from buildings to sporting events.

SMART Transit – Lewis said Alisa Anderson, Grants Manager, attended their meeting and answered many questions.

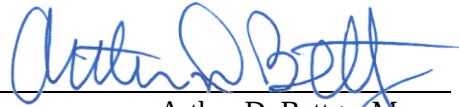
Council members spoke on other meetings and events they attended, including the AIC City Officials Day at the Capitol.

Mayor

Bettge said he attended the AIC City Officials Day at the Capitol; airport board meeting where the airport is scheduled for completion in mid-May; met with President Scott Green; Chamber legislative action committee; and an ITD multi-modal discussion.

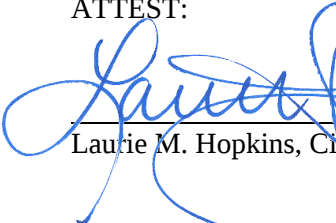
ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.



Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

