

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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March 4, 2024**

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to tonight's meeting. This meeting is open to the public. We appreciate and encourage public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is sometimes provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business that is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so during the public comment item on the agenda. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Please note that Moscow City Council meetings are televised, videotaped and/or recorded. Links to view the City Council meeting live can be found on the City website, YouTube, Facebook and Spectrum Cable 1301. Thank you for your interest in City government.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council February 20, 2024 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. 2024 Moscow Farmers Market Handbook - Amanda Argona

In 2018, the Farmers Market Commission and Community Events Division implemented the first iteration of the Moscow Farmers Market Handbook. The Handbook is an expanded policy document meant to provide clarity and serve as a resource for anyone seeking information on the Market, as well as hold Market participants accountable for operating procedures. At the end of each season, the policies that make up the Handbook are considered in depth by staff and the Farmers Market Commission. The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Handbook on February 6, 2024, and unanimously accepted all changes for approval and adoption by the Council for the 2024 Market Season. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 26, 2024 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the 2024 Moscow Farmers Market Handbook.

C. Assistance to Firefighters – Grant Application - Alisa Anderson / Brian Nickerson

The Moscow Volunteer Fire Department (Department) is requesting to submit a funding request to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) under the Operations and Safety (O&S) program which funds fire safety projects and equipment for first responders. The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. The proposed grant request is to purchase communications equipment to include 50 portable and 22 mobile all-band radio systems to include chargers, audio accessories, extended warranty and service agreement.

The total estimated cost for the proposed radios is \$460,000 and the required match for jurisdictions of more than 20,000 residents is 10% of the grant award. The grant application is due March 8, 2024. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 26, 2024, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department to submit a grant application to the FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for portable and mobile radio equipment.

D. Task Order No. 22 Moscow Water Reclamation Facility – Intermediate Pump Station (IPS) Upgrade - Evan Timar

Task Order No.22, pursuant to the Master Agreement for Professional Services between City of Moscow and J-U-B Engineers, consists of design phase and bidding services for the replacement of the existing three Archimedes screw pumps, which are original to the 2002 Phase III facility upgrade. The IPS system is relied upon to maintain a seamless and consistent operation by moving all of Moscow’s wastewater to the peak of the Reclamation Facilities hydraulic grade line further distributing it to downstream treatment processes. On average, the IPS system pumps 650 million gallons of wastewater per year into the facility. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 26, 2024 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve Task order No. 22 with J-U-B Engineers in the amount of \$157,000.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 2. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)**
- 3. Public Comment and Mayor's Response Period (limit 15 minutes)**
- 4. 1912 Center Annual Report - David Schott / Jenny Kostroff**
- 5. Public Hearing: Ordinance Amending Moscow City Code Title 4, Chapter 3 Regarding Self-Storage Facilities (ACTION ITEM) - Mike Ray**

Self-storage facilities are currently only permitted within certain commercial zoning districts in the City. The City continues to allow and encourage a range of different housing types to be developed, some of which are constructed on smaller lots which have limited storage space. In order to accommodate developments that allow for more efficient and innovative housing types, it will become increasingly imperative that an adequate number of storage options are available within the City. Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Commission has prepared an ordinance which would allow self-storage facilities within more residential and commercial zoning districts, subject to development standards to ensure compatibility with surrounding areas and minimize their impact on adjacent uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on January 11, 2023 and recommended approval to City Council. The Administrative Committee reviewed this item at their February 26, 2024 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: After considering public testimony, 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.

- 6. City Council Resolution Supporting the Latah County Library District (ACTION ITEM) -**

Bill Belknap

In response to recently proposed legislation, the cities of Blackfoot, Shelley, Firth and Aberdeen and the Bingham County Commissioners recently passed a resolution expressing their confidence in the ability of the Board of Trustees and Library Directors of the public libraries in Bingham County to exercise their statutory duties to establish policies and practices to provide appropriate access to print and electronic materials to their patrons. Moscow City Council leadership requested staff to prepare a similar resolution expressing the Moscow City Council's support of the Latah County Library District. Staff has prepared a draft resolution for the Council's consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the proposed Resolution or take other action as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

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Mayor

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