

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
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Monday, August 19, 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, Tyler Palmer, David Schott, Sarah Banks, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council August 5, 2024 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report July 2024 - Sarah Decker

Staff presented the July 2024 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on August 12th, 2024. The Committee received the report and approved the disbursements as presented.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of July 2024.

C. Latah County Library District Building Lease Agreement Extension - David Schott

In 2014, the City of Moscow (City) and Latah County Library District (District) entered into a lease agreement for a ten (10) year term to lease the City-owned building located at 110 S Jefferson Street, Moscow, Idaho. The term of the Agreement is set to expire September 30, 2024.

The proposed amendment to the agreement would extend the current term of the agreement until September 30, 2025. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The Latah County Library District Board of Trustees hired April Hernandez, Library Director, after the retirement of the previous director. The request to extend the term of the existing agreement for one (1) year is to provide time for the Library District Director to become familiar with the partnership between the City and District. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on August 12, 2024 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the amendment to the 2014 Lease Agreement between the City of Moscow and Latah County Library District to extend the term of the current lease agreement until September 30, 2025.

D. Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)- Tyler Palmer

The Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) operates under an interagency agreement that expired in August 2023. Following the expiration of the agreement, all participating entities approved a memorandum of agreement to continue to operate under the prior expired agreement

under the same terms and conditions to allow time to prepare a new agreement. The new agreement clarifies the function and role of PBAC and has been reviewed and approved by all participating entities. The agreement is before the City Council for consideration and approval.

ACTION: Approve the new Interstate Agreement for Moscow's participation in the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

None offered.

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

Nancy Tribble (Moscow) asked the City Council to create an ordinance for Friendship Square that says no smoking, no open containers and no disorderly conduct. It should also include a number people can call. Remax Connections moved adjacent to Friendship Square last year. They have dealt with yelling and cursing, watched people pour alcohol into coffee cups, and had to close door due to cigarette/cigar smoke. Police have been called 9 times in 30 days. It is difficult to quote the city code when there is no sign to quote. She has heard discouraging comments that people won't take their kids to the playground because of cursing and such. While she appreciates the police response, signs would be appreciated.

Ben Merkle (Moscow) wanted to speak on the amendments to the appeal procedures completed last summer. Mayor Bettge responded appeals are quasi-judicial. The subject matter is too close in relation to an appeal coming before the City Council. He would need to wait until after the appeal has been before the City Council.

4. Public Hearing - Open Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY2024) Review (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Decker

The State of Idaho provides a process for cities to amend the original fiscal year budget appropriation ordinance in accordance with Idaho Code section 50-1003. The City completed its FY2024 budget adoption in August 2023 and headed into its FY2023 fiscal year-end. During the fiscal year-end, it was determined that two major operating funds, the general fund and sanitation fund, accumulated unanticipated and unappropriated fund balances. Additionally, during the FY2024 fiscal year, the City received an unanticipated federal grant award. The City Council authorized expenditures pertaining to this federal grant to assist the Moscow Police Department in purchasing electronic ticketing equipment to replace existing outdated units and purchase new units for eleven police vehicles. The staff is proposing to amend Ordinance 2023-07 in the amount of \$2,510,000 to accommodate both the unappropriated fund balances and the council-authorized grant revenue and expenditures. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on August 12, 2024, and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing, and after considering public testimony received, 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.

Mayor Bettge opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Decker introduced the item by detailing the changes to the expenditures and revenues to the FY2024 which total approximately \$2,510,000. General Fund, Sanitation Fund and Information Systems were affected.

Hearing no testimony, Mayor Bettge closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Kelly said they discussed the changes at the Public Works/Finance Committee. Parker 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. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bettge read Ordinance 2024-14 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 07, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; TO APPROPRIATE MONIES IN THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (2,510,000); PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

REPORTS

City Council

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency – Kelly reported said the Agency is working on a strategic plan.

Moscow Volunteer Fire Department – Kelly said the volunteers/residents are back.

Farmers Market Commission – Parker said the Commission is working with vendors that weren't able to get into the market and ideas to help them towards approval during the jury process.

Moscow Pathways Commission - Davis said the Commission has a walking tour on September 17 beginning at Hordeman's pond.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Blankenship reported the Commission completed the update to the subdivision code and that will come before council soon.

SMART Transit – Lewis said the board/staff is working hard to keep transit running while hiring a new executive director.

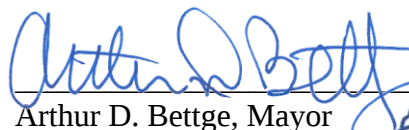
Council members spoke on other meetings and events they attended.

Mayor

Mayor Bettge said he helped with a few airport tours and an airport ribbon cutting.

ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.


Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

