

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
City Clerk

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Monday, January 6, 2025

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, Evan Timar, Alisa Anderson, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Taruscio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

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

B. Approval of Claims - Sarah Decker

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. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

The Mayor corrected the terms for Sandra Kelly and Tom Lamar to the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency. Kelly moved and Parker seconded approval of the corrected appointments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Four (4). Nays: Two (Taruscio, Lewis). Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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

None offered.

4. Council Organization & Commission Assignments (ACTION ITEM) - Gina Taruscio, Council President

Taruscio listed the council president, vice president, committee members, and which commissions/boards each council member will liaison. Kelly moved, Blankenship seconded approval of the assignments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Evan Timar

The WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency grant assists those who manage water programs to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) on small-

scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, and make more efficient use of the water supply reliability in the western United States. The City is eligible for this funding as a local water authority located in Idaho. Eligible projects include “Municipal Metering” to install or upgrade water meters, including but not limited to, installing end-user water service meters for residential and commercial buildings and the one-time purchase of software, equipment, and training for meter monitoring. The maximum award for a “Small Scale” project under this program is \$100,000, requiring a 50% match, with total project costs not exceeding \$225,000. The City previously applied for this funding but was not selected. Based on a debrief with the BOR, Staff is requesting to reapply for the next round of funding with the same request to purchase approximately 500 water meters that will be installed by City employees over a two-year period. Total project costs will not exceed \$225,000 and will include a grant request of \$100,000.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approval to submit a grant application for \$100,000 to the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Program and the corresponding Resolution, or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Anderson introduced the item stating this grant was approved by the Council to apply for back in July. While we were not asking for assistance with installation costs, they had a change to the structure of the grant. Moscow was asked to include those costs and reapply. Staff had already issued the RFP and a contract has been executed. Staff had a debrief with BOR which will allow refinement to the application. Timar added staff had a kick off meeting with the vendor and site visits to the locations for the collector/repeater locations. The first 100 meters have been received and the grant should coincide with the alpha stage of rollout. The grant announcement will occur in May with funding in October. As the meter installations are rolled out homeowners will receive literature on the new meter.

Taruscio moved to approve submitting a grant application for \$100,000 to the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Program and the corresponding Resolution. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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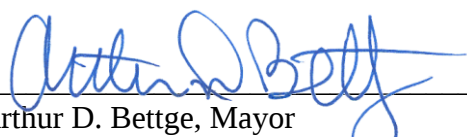
SMART Transit – Lewis said SMART hired a new office manager.

Mayor

No report.

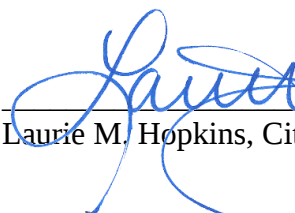
ADJOURN

It was mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.



Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

