

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
City Clerk

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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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 and the City's YouTube channel. 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 3, 2025 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

C. Disbursement Report January 2025 - Sarah Decker

Staff presented the January 2025 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on February 10th, 2025. The Committee received the report and recommended approval of the disbursement report.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of January 2025.

D. Idaho Airport Aid Program Grant Agreement - Alisa Anderson

The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport applied for a grant from the Idaho Transportation Department - Division of Aeronautics, Idaho Airport Aid Program to assist with General Aviation airport development. The grant request has been awarded for \$7,500 with a required project completion date of June 30, 2027. The attached Resolution authorizes the acceptance of the award in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and the execution of the Grant Agreement by the Mayor. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 10, 2025, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approval to authorize acceptance of the Idaho Airport Aid grant award of \$7,500 from the Idaho Transportation Department - Division of Aeronautics and approve the corresponding Resolution.

E. Resolution Authorizing City Attorney to Submit a claim on behalf of the City of Moscow for the Chevrolet Bolt Battery Litigation Settlement - Mia Bautista

A class action suit was filed against General Motors for defective batteries in model year 2017 through 2022 Chevrolet Bolt vehicles. A settlement agreement has been reached between General Motors, LG Electronics and representatives of eligible vehicle owners. The City purchased two Chevrolet Bolt vehicles in 2020 which are eligible under the settlement agreement. If the City does not submit a claim for a settlement payment, it will not be entitled to receive funds under the terms of the settlement agreement. Staff has prepared a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to submit a claim and sign any documents or agreements related to the settlement claim on behalf of the City. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 10, 2025, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve of the Resolution Authorizing City Attorney to Submit a claim on behalf of the City of Moscow for the Chevrolet Bolt Battery Litigation Settlement.

F. Proposed Lot Line Adjustment at 1638 and 1662 Christopher Lane and 815 Pheasant Run Road - Aimee Hennrich

The applicants, Edward and Mandi Coulter, are requesting a lot line adjustment between three properties located at 1638 and 1662 Christopher Lane, and 815 Pheasant Run Road. The proposed lot line adjustment would increase 1638 Christopher Lane from 1.04 to 1.05 acres, decrease 1662 Christopher Lane from 1.13 to 1.07 acres, and increase 815 Pheasant Run Road from 1.47 to 1.53 acres. The applicant is requesting the lot line adjustment to accommodate an existing fence and an access easement created between owners. The subject properties are located within the Suburban Residential (SR) Zoning District. Within the SR Zoning District the minimum lot size is 1 acre and the minimum lot width is 100 feet. All of the proposed lots meet all zoning code requirements and all existing structures meet setback requirements. This item was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 10, 2025, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment request with no conditions.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

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

4. Regional Water Sustainability Funding Contract With Idaho Water Resource Board (ACTION ITEM) - Tyler Palmer

In July 2021, the IWRB adopted an initial Regional Water Sustainability Priority List (List) to help guide the IWRB's spending for large, regional water sustainability projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. In January 2022, the IWRB also adopted a threshold criteria for a project to be included on the List, which included that it must help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide basis. Through this process, the City of Moscow was granted \$182,500 to be used to study the feasibility of a Clearwater River diversion as an alternate water supply to supplement the declining Palouse Basin Aquifer. The City of Moscow will manage the project with support from the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC). It is possible that additional funds for the project will be allocated by PBAC to complete the full scope of the study. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 10, 2025 and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Regional Water Sustainability Funding Contract With Idaho Water Resource Board as presented, or take other action deemed appropriate.

**5. Consideration of Mayor and City Council Salary Adjustment Ordinance (ACTION ITEM)
- Bill Belknap**

Idaho Code § 50-203 requires compensation for a mayor and council to be fixed by ordinance. Moscow City Code Title 1, Chapter 8, Sec. 8-1, states "*The salary for elective officers shall be fixed by ordinance. Salary adjustments for such elective officers shall be made every two (2) years from the date of the previous adjustment in accordance and in proportion with adjustments in the Consumer Price Index, Series I.D. CUUR0000SA0 All Urban Consumers, U.S. All items, 1982-84=100. The statistics utilized shall be the figures for the annual percent change for each calendar year within the subject two (2) year period, as published by the United States Department of Labor in January of each year. Such adjustments must be specifically approved by ordinance at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of such adjustments.*" The reported CPI values were 4.1% and 2.9% for 2023 and 2024 respectively. Proposed increases to monthly salaries would be effective January 1, 2026, and are as follows: Mayor from \$2,396.96 per month to \$2,567.60 per month, and Council from \$831.03 per month to \$890.19 per month. Staff have prepared an ordinance to effectuate the adjustments in accordance with City Code. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 10, 2025, and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: 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. Set FY2026 Budget Hearing Date (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

Per Idaho Code 63-802(A) the City is required to notify Latah County of the public hearing date for the City's annual budget no later than April 30 each year. Staff is requesting that the Council officially set the date for the FY2026 Budget hearing for August 4, 2025, so the Notification of Budget Hearing form can be completed and returned to the Latah County Auditor's Office as required.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Set August 4, 2025, as the public hearing date for the City of Moscow FY2026 budget, or take other action deemed appropriate.

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