

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, February 3, 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, <ADD OTHERS>, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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, Brian Nickerson, Anthony Dahlinger, Alisa Anderson, Megan, Laurie M. Hopkins

Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

**A. Approval of
Moscow City
Council
January 21,
2025 Minutes -
Laurie M.
Hopkins**

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Parker moved and Kelly 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)

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Mayor Bettge presented to the City Council for consideration the appointment of Kristin Strong to the Farmers Market Commission; April Hernandez and Vincent O'Connor to the Historic Preservation Commission; John Freeland to the Human Rights Commission; Michelle Chamberlain to the Moscow Arts Commission; and Alyssa Knight to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kelly moved and Taruscio seconded approval of the appointment. Roll Call
Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Vincent O'Conner, hope he can bring historical knowledge and future generations.

April Hernandez, history and preservation has always been an interest and has _____.

John Freeand, look forward to completing work for human rights. need to do al we can for our City. Human rights are a right owed to everyone. protect and defend all. more advocacy on the mental heath aspect.

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

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Nancy Tribble
(Moscow) major little
and trash issue especial
on east and west
Palouse River Drive.
When she shows
houses, she has to say
this is what to
expect. Highway 8 has
been littered with
oversize loads going to
the transfer

station. would like to expand code enforcement to education to contractors, then have a fine. more aggressive policing between highway 8 and the transfer station. as the city expands, city services need to. also like to see more signs, secure loads, don't litter.

Ted Park, conditions at yard waste transfer station. no one has been in touch. getting into the season for yard waste.

**4. Citizen
Commission
Report -
Moscow Arts
Commission
– Megan
Cherry /
Aaron
Johnson**

**PROPOSED
ACTIONS:**

Cherry said the MAC was founded in 1978, an honor to serve alongside the MAC a long tradition. Megan recognized the roster and staff. Introduced Aaron Johnson. Johnson shared the volunteer hours and listed the 2024 exhibitions at Third Street and the Box Gallery.

They have school tours through the gallery. 15th year for Paouse Plein Air. The new mural was completed on the water department building. Vinyl wraps are in 24 locations. Mayors arts awards took place in 2024. artwak is seeing more participation for host locations, he appreciates the support of the council and everyone that supports arts.

Parker, has there been things Arts has had to drop in the last year. Megan said some have shifted. She is getting assistance from all sorts of city employees. great team. vinyl wraps were postponed but coming back this year. poet laureate _____. been an adjustment but grateful for those filling in gaps when needed.

Bankenship, first commission meeting last month. when build

Lewis, said Cda
was inspired by
our poet aureate
and started their
own. impressed
able to

**5. COAST Transportation
Update – Paige Collins**

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Paige Coins, Ally
Sturman, submitted , for free shuttle
service from . ___ rated this as an A
project so should be funded. contracts
with WADOT . needed to find
\$46,000 for operations and ___ for
buses. Only need \$13,000 now. top
reasons

Ally , free up services for those that
need daa accessabiity. Diaysis is
Tony offered in Mosocw and many .
shuttle system wi regular . The stops
are proposed to be at the ma,
rosauers, diaysis, chaz, and if time,
out by movie theater. aso bring
people to Moscow for gritman, Tony
wound care in the area. people want
to come to Moscow for many
different reasons. if we were to bring
Tony those that we have denied it
would be 371 rides per year and
those are ones that had to ca to
schedule.

Parker suggested taking to CEDA.

Lewis, very tight budget. \$13,000 is
need. with wa grants need upfront
costs. would this be a ongoing share?
Paige said the numbers were a two
year cost.

Key, when would you need to know
about financiing. deadline would be
May. just need a commitment.

Bettge, put together a data sheet and council can review.

6. Approval of Mutual Assistance Compact between the City of Lewiston and City of Moscow (ACTION ITEM) - Anthony Dahlinger

The City of Moscow has historically held a mutual assistance compact with the City of Lewiston to commit police staff and/or equipment to support and aid either City in the event of an emergency. Upon review of the existing compact, it was identified that updates were necessary. Updates to the compact that were made included items such as changing the physical address of the Moscow Police Department, and the term and renewal of the compact. Staff is seeking the City Council's approval of the updated compact with the City of Lewiston.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Mutual Assistance Compact between the City of Lewiston and City of Moscow, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Dahinger introduced the item as written above. the updates were minima. the city has many mutus assistance agreements. last time eiwston aske for aid was when they had the off duty officer shooting.

Tarusico moved to approve the mutus assistance compact with the city of ewiston. Lewis seconded. Roll Call

Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

7. 2024 Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant Agreement (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Brian Nickerson

A Letter of Intent and a Grant application was submitted to the Leary Firefighters Foundation (Foundation) on behalf of the Fire Department requesting new extraction equipment. The request was awarded by the Foundation, and staff is requesting retroactive approval to accept the award due to the short six (6) working days timeline in receiving the Grant Agreement and the date to be executed and returned.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve retroactive acceptance of the grant award and executed Grant Agreement from the Leary Firefighters Foundation for extraction equipment, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Anderson siad ast spring fire house subs restaurant. the program opens and ony accepts 600 applications then closes the porta. she was not expecting to be awarded. Was ony given 7 days to respond.

Lewis moved to approve retroactive acceptance of the grant award and executed grant agreement from the e. Bankenship seconded. Roll

Call

Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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PROPOSED ACTIONS:

P&Z - Parker said the commission elected chair/vp
P&R - Lewis said the commission is shifting away from 3-4 booklets to Tony one. shifted schedules so didn't overlap with cubs. Staff is looking at
SMART Transit - Lewis explained the auto insurance fiasco and are going give with the app root in march or apri.
Council members spoke on other meetings and events they attended.

Mayor

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Mayor Bettge attended AIC City Officials Day. Presented welcome at the MK breakfast. Airport Board working on strategic plan

ADJOURN

It was mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.