

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Monday, July 7, 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 June 16, 2025 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

C. Firehouse Subs Grant Application - Alisa Anderson / Brian Nickerson

The Moscow Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (Foundation). This Foundation assists first responders and public safety organizations by providing lifesaving equipment and needed resources to help them be better prepared to save lives in the communities they serve. The funding request includes: 1) Ram Tool Package - Used for forcible entry and extrication; 2) Variable Speed Battery Power Blower - Used in several ways to include mop-up operations after a fire, creating a firebreak and as part of positive pressure ventilation (PPV) systems. The MVFD is requesting to submit a grant request in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. This item was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on June 23, 2025 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Recommend approval for the MVFD to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Foundation for equipment in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

D. Consideration of the Latah County Library District Lease Agreement – David Schott

The City of Moscow and the Latah County Library District wish to continue their longstanding lease arrangement for the property located at 110 South Jefferson Street, used exclusively for library operations. The proposed lease agreement has a ten-year term,

extending from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2035. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on June 23, 2025 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the proposed lease agreement between the City of Moscow and the Latah County Library District for a ten-year term beginning on October 1, 2025.

E. Consideration of the 1912 Center Third Floor Development Concept - David Schott

Heart of the Arts, Inc. (HAI), managers of the 1912 Center for the greater Moscow community, are pleased to present a proposed conceptual schematic for the development of the third floor of the 1912 Center, located at 412 E. Third Street in Moscow. The third floor will offer four new spaces for the community to use in complimentary ways to the spaces that are currently available in the community and those that are already at the 1912 Center. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on June 23, 2025 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the conceptual schematic for the development of the third floor of the 1912 Center.

F. MoscAuto Festival Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District - Amanda Argona

Kick Elite Boosters LLC is hosting MoscAuto Festival on Sunday, July 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Main Street between 3rd and 6th Streets, and portions of 4th and 5th Streets. This event, which is stylized as a classic car and motorcycle show, is a new event to the Entertainment District, with the applicant intending for the event to be hosted annually. The applicant is anticipating up to three licensed beer and/or wine vendors, two food trucks, and a variety of automobiles and vehicles. Live music is scheduled to be a part of the festivities in the form of a band or DJ. This event has been reviewed and approved as of March 10, 2025. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, MoscAuto Festival is requesting a temporary suspension of the open container law by resolution. Per Moscow City Code, Section 10-1-12; a draft resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on June 23, 2025 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the temporary suspension of the open container law within the event footprint of MoscAuto Festival for the duration of the event.

G. Rendezvous in the Park Alcohol Use Request in East City Park - Amanda Argona

Rendezvous in Moscow, Inc. is hosting its annual music and arts festival, Rendezvous in the Park, on July 17-19, 2025, in East City Park. The festival features live, family-friendly concerts in the evenings, a two-day arts festival for children during the mornings, food vendors, and one licensed beer/wine vendor. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol within a City Park, Rendezvous in Moscow, Inc. is requesting the allowance of attendees to possess and consume alcoholic beverages within the event footprint during the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. during the aforementioned dates. Per Moscow City Code, Section 5-13-4, a draft resolution has been prepared by the Community Events Division and reviewed by the Legal Department for the Council's consideration. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on June 23, 2025 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in East City Park within the event footprint of Rendezvous in the Park during the listed times and dates of the event.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Public Comment (limit 15 minutes)

3. Citizen Commission Report - Human Rights Commission – Anthony Dahlinger / Erin Agidius

4. Latah County Jail Memorandum of Agreement (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

On June 10th, the Board of Latah County Commissioners and the Latah County Sheriff's Office announced their decision to close the Latah County Jail and transition to operating a temporary holding facility by September 30 of this year. Latah County entered into an agreement with Nez Perce County to provide inmate housing, and the City will now be responsible for transporting the nearly 250 individuals whom the Moscow Police Department arrests each year to the Nez Perce County Detention Center. The closure of the Latah County Jail and the resulting requirement to transport arrestees to Lewiston will place significant financial and personnel stress upon the Moscow Police Department at a time when it is struggling with staffing, as are many law enforcement agencies across the nation. Additionally, long transport places both officers and arrestees at greater risk of vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and increased transport costs, in addition to decreased coverage within the City during the transport and return. To attempt to reduce the impact on the City, City Staff have worked with the County to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) under which the Latah County Sheriff's office has agreed to accept, process, and transport arrestees during the hours of operation of their court holding facility and on special event weekends in the City where arrests may be more frequent. The proposed MOA was approved by the Board of Latah County Commissioners on June 10th and is now before the Council for consideration and approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Latah County, or take other action deemed appropriate.

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