

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, October 20, 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, Kelli Cooper, Anthony Dahlinger, Alisa Anderson, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council October 6, 2025 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

C. Lot Line Adjustment between 1204 Spruce Circle and 1204 Thatuna Avenue - Lucy Falcy

The applicants, Thomas McDonough and Chadburn and Camberly Daniels, are requesting a lot line adjustment between two properties located at 1204 Thatuna Avenue and 1204 Spruce Circle. The proposed lot line adjustment would increase the lot size of 1204 Spruce Circle from approximately 12,000 sf to approximately 13,282 sf and reduce 1204 Thatuna from 12,907 sf to 11,625 sf (a redistribution of 1,282 sf.) The applicants are requesting the lot line adjustment to resolve the encroachment of an existing fence on the McDonough property which has historically been understood to be the common property line. Both lots are part of the Evergreen Hills subdivision and are zoned Low-Density Single Family Residential (R-1). The R-1 Zoning District requires a minimum lot area of 9,600 square feet and a minimum lot width of 80 feet. The proposed lot line adjustment does not affect access to either lot. The proposed lot line adjustment meets all zoning code requirements, including building setbacks. This item was reviewed at the October 13, 2025 Public Works/Finance Committee meeting and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment request.

Parker moved and Davis 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 (limit 15 minutes)

None offered.

4. Approval of Axon Enterprise, Inc. Purchase Agreement (ACTION ITEM) — Anthony Dahlinger

The Moscow Police Department's current fleet of Body Worn Cameras (BWC), in-car camera systems and X26 Tasers have reached, or are nearing the end of their service life and/or are no longer being supported. MPD is currently contracted with Watchguard, which is a part of Motorola Solutions, for their BWC and in-car camera systems through June 2026. With the impending need to replace current equipment and the ending of the current contract with Watchguard approaching, MPD researched several different potential vendors, including Motorola Solutions, Utility and Axon Enterprises. MPD received quotes from each prospective vendor and found Axon Enterprises was not only the best value, it would allow for MPD to purchase and upgrade all three equipment systems (BWC, in-car camera systems and Tasers) with a single vendor. This purchase agreement would be in effect for a five (5) year term.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises and the associated NASPO participation resolution; or provide staff further direction.

Dahlinger introduced the item as outlined above. Since publication of the agenda and packet, Watchguard has reduced its quote to just below that of Axon. The department has used Watchguard for approximately 12 years but has experienced ongoing issues with their products and customer service. Despite the lower quote, Dahlinger continued to recommend approval of the agreement with Axon.

Belknap explained that within the Information Services (IS) Fund, each piece of electronic equipment is depreciated. Historically, two categories—radio equipment and cameras—have not been included in the depreciation schedule. Both will now be incorporated moving forward.

Dahlinger further explained that a Taser is used to achieve neuromuscular incapacitation, allowing officers to safely place a subject in handcuffs without physical altercation. The department's current Tasers deploy two probes per cartridge. The new models feature a ten-probe cartridge, deploying two at a time, allowing up to five attempts before physical force becomes necessary. The department has had approximately two deployments within the past six months. Dahlinger added that customer service from Watchguard has been poor, with response times of up to two weeks for inquiries, whereas he has received positive feedback from agencies using Axon.

Kelly moved to approve the purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises and the associated NASPO participation resolution. Taruscio seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Randomized Community Survey Report – Alisa Anderson

Staff provided an update on the income survey process, noting that a similar planning approach was used years ago for Friendship Square. Before distributing surveys, the City conducted a comprehensive public outreach campaign that included a press release, information on the City website, email notifications, social media updates, market tabling, and postings at campus and transit locations. A total of 371 surveys were mailed on September 22, each with a prepaid return envelope, a letter from the Mayor, and a unique household ID number linked to the address. The Mayor's letter also included a QR code directing recipients to an online version of the survey. Reminder postcards were mailed on October 1, followed by a final "last chance" mailing on October 8, each with unique ID codes and QR links. To meet Department of Commerce requirements, a 75% response rate (278 surveys) is needed. As of the report, 118 surveys (32%) have been received—approximately 45 online and 75 by mail—

with a preliminary low-to-moderate income rate of 44%. Door-to-door surveys began the week of October 17 to increase participation, with door hangers distributed for residents not at home. Evening and weekend outreach is planned through November, with a goal to complete data collection by Thanksgiving and a final submission deadline of December 5. Approximately ten surveys were returned undeliverable, and three respondents declined participation. Staff continue to follow up using the remaining addresses from the original sample of 500. Staff will provide another update when the survey process is complete and encouraged everyone to remind residents to return their blue envelope or complete the survey online.

REPORTS

City Council

Farmers Market Commission – Davis said the Commission is reviewing bylaws.

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency – Davis said the Agency approved budget related items.

Historic Preservation Commission – Davis reported the Commission discussed the Orchid awards which ceremony is on Nov 13.

Moscow Arts Commission – Blankenship said the Commission discussed future public art at East City Park and at the police station.

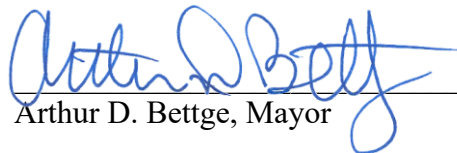
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee – Lewis said updates will be reported at the water summit. The Committee is working with a grad student at UI focused on well samples of people outside of the city water system.

Mayor

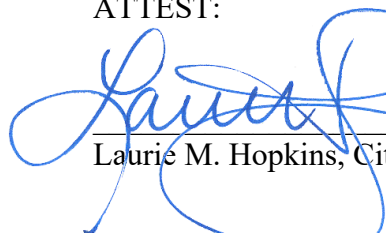
Mayor Bettge said he attended the AIC district meeting, homecoming and fire dept pancake feed, the campus community coalition.

ADJOURN

It was mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 1932 p.m.


Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

