

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, June 1, 2026

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Hailey Lewis, Bryce Blankenship, Drew Davis, Evan Holmes, Sandra Kelly, Sage McCetich, Scott Sumner

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Nichoel Baird Spencer, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council May 18, 2026 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

C. Asphalt Rubber Chip Seal 2026 Bid Rejection — Bob Buvel

This project's scope is to apply an Asphalt Rubber Chip Seal to approximately 29,472 square yards of roadways along Blane Street from Third to Troy Road and Garfield Street from "F" Street to First Street. This project is part of our pavement preservation program. The City published an advertisement for bids on April 18, 2026 and April 25, 2026. The Engineer's Estimate for construction was \$412,608.00. Bids were opened on May 5, 2026, at which one (1) bid was received. The bid was \$537,864.00 by Doolittle Construction, LLC. A bid tabulation is included in the packet. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on May 26, 2026, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Reject the bid from Doolittle Construction.

D. KN 23902 & 23903; N&S Mountain View Pedestrian Improvements - Professional Services Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection - Scott Bontrager / Luke Hajda

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), funded a federal-aid project for FY2026 to improve two segments of non-motorized transportation gaps on Mountain View Road. These improvements include completing sidewalk and bike lanes from Slonaker Drive to F Street and Joseph Street to Paradise Creek. The construction contract for the project was awarded by Moscow City Council in April to LaRiviere Inc., in the amount of \$1,025,088.98. A request for information (RFI) was issued by LHTAC for construction engineering and inspection on February 23rd, 2026, and two qualified engineering firms responded by the March 6th deadline. A three-person panel (one LHTAC engineer and two City Staff) independently rated the statement of qualifications, and a consensus was reached on the selection of HMH Engineering, LLC. The professional services agreement between the City of Moscow and HMH Engineering was negotiated on Monday, April 6th, 2026, in the amount of

\$169,812.00. This amount equates to 16.6% of the construction contract amount, which both the LHTAC and City Staff deem reasonable for contract administration and construction inspection on a federal-aid project. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Legal Department. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on May 26, 2026, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Professional Services Agreement with HMH Engineering LLC.

E. Approval of Agreement for Victim Assistance with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse - Anthony Dahlinger

The Moscow Police Department (MPD) has utilized the victim assistance services provided by the Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse (ATVP) during incidents involving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence for many years. Since 2014, MPD has budgeted funds which were provided to ATVP for their services. With the passage of Resolution 2024-25, which altered the City's Procurement and Purchasing Policy, the need for a written agreement between the City of Moscow and ATVP for their victim assistance services arose. The Moscow Police Department is asking City Council to approve the agreement for services with ATVP. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on May 26, 2026 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the agreement for Victim Assistance with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

Holmes removed Item C from the consent agenda. He moved and Blankenship seconded to approve the consent agenda minus Item C. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Holmes explained he removed the item so that it could be announced that those roads would not have a chip seal due to the high bid. Baird Spencer clarified that the rubber is not found locally. Staff will review solutions. Holmes moved to approve the rejection of the bid in Item C. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Public Comment (limit 15 minutes)

Erika Miner (Access Point, IHFA) is the point of contact that experiences housing crisis and receives 10-35 calls a day. They have 65 households that are currently homeless. She listens and tries to help them and hopes the council will listen and try to help as well.

Casey Holt (ED of Sojourner's Alliance) wants to keep the housing discussion going. He expressed disappointment in the housing workshop as it is far off from where we need to be to address issues. He said there was a question about past discussions at the workshop and it is all public record and he felt insulted by it.

Tym Park (Moscow) congratulate the city on the new bus he saw around town. He is excited about Spin and the opportunity for another mobility option. The riders that don't follow the regulations should be penalized and should be weighed in on by the City. He feels downtown sidewalks should be pedestrian only. He is still asking the Council to make a statement regarding Ghaza.

Belknap explained e-vehicles are not allowed on sidewalks but bikes are and is most likely personal bikes. Staff has asked the Transportation Commission to review the regulations and develop education materials.

Sherry Six (Moscow) policing bikes, one of the reasons they ride on sidewalks is because they don't feel comfortable on the road. Education materials should include road riders.

3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Entertainment District Open Container Exemption to Allow Liquor (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

The Mayor and City Council recently received a letter from the Moscow Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and the Downtown Business Alliance requesting the City Council to consider the allowance of liquor to be served during permitted events held within the downtown Entertainment District. Ordinance 2021-11, passed on August 16, 2021, allows the City Council to suspend the prohibition of open containers of alcohol during permitted events within the designated Entertainment District by resolution. Ordinance 2021-11 specifically limits this exemption to the service of beer and wine. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on April 27, 2026, and the City Council on May 4, 2026, at which time staff was directed to prepare an ordinance to allow liquor at Entertainment District events. The proposed Ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 1 of Moscow City Code is now before the Council for consideration. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on May 26, 2026, 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.

Belknap introduced the item as written above. Having no questions, Kelly moved to 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. Blankenship seconded. He said he is excited about this update. Sumner reiterated each event is approved by the council and the event organizer is required to police the event. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lewis read Ordinance 2026-03 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF MOSCOW CITY CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-12; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF LIQUOR TO BE SERVED AT EVENTS HELD IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE DEEMED SEVERABLE; AND PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

REPORTS

City Council

Planning and Zoning Commission – McCetich said the Commission is discussing statewide code changes for manufactured homes and ADU's.

Human Rights Commission – McCetich reported the chair stepped down.

Historic Preservation Commission – Kelly said the discussion about the university district is on a good path.

Mayor

Mayor Lewis attended the SMART board meeting; met with ITD District 2 representatives regarding new utility boxes, signal timing; Airport Board meeting.

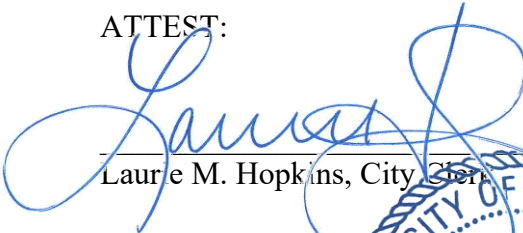
ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.



Hailey Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

