

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
City Clerk

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Monday, August 17, 2026

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 August 3, 2026 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker

C. Disbursement Report July 2026 - Sarah Decker

Staff presented the July 2026 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on August 10th, 2026. The Committee received the report and recommended approval of the disbursement report.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of July 2026.

D. Cooperative Agreement for Future Traffic Signal Installation - Nichoel Baird Spencer

In 2025, the City of Moscow entered into a development agreement with the developers of the SOMO development in south Moscow, which included the collection of the developers' proportionate share fee toward the cost of the future traffic signal installation at the intersection of Somo Drive/Reisenauer Road and U.S. Highway 95. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has requested that the City enter into an agreement to convey the collected fees to ITD at the time the signal is installed. Staff has prepared an agreement for the Council's review and approval. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on August 10, 2026, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Cooperative Agreement with Idaho Transportation Department.

E. South HWY 95 Pathway Extension - Bid Results & Contract Award - Luke Hajda

The South HWY 95 Pathway Extension's Project scope is to connect an existing shared-use path on Reisenauer Rd (adjacent to the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories property) north to an existing sidewalk section on US-95. The project is to construct a ten-foot wide shared-use path from Reisenauer Rd to the existing sidewalk. The City sent out a semi-formal request for bids on July 17, 2026, and the Engineer's Estimate for construction was \$145,449.00. Bids were opened July 23, 2026. The City received one bid in the amount of \$141,263.20 from Motley-Motley, Inc. of Pullman, WA. A bid tabulation is included in the packet. This was reviewed by the Public Works / Finance Committee on August 10, 2026, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the bid from Motley-Motley, Inc, award the contract in the amount of \$141,263.20 and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Public Comment (limit 15 minutes)

3. PUBLIC HEARING: City of Moscow FY2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap / Sarah Decker

Staff will present the proposed City of Moscow FY2027 budget in the amount of \$149,942,154, which was considered by the City Council at a workshop held on July 8, 2026. The proposed budget includes the statutorily allowed 3% inflationary increase, the remaining \$15,141 foregone tax, as well as 90% of new construction at \$189,064. According to the Latah County Assessor's office, the assessed taxable valuation within the City increased by 4.7% this year, which resulted in a reduction of the City's levy rate from \$3.57 to \$3.51 per \$1,000 in taxable valuation. Included for City Council consideration are the FY2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, the foregone Resolution, and the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of \$9,445,604.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing upon the FY2027 City of Moscow Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and upon consideration of testimony presented:

1. Approve the foregone tax recovery Resolution, or take other action as deemed appropriate; and
2. Approve the appropriation 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 other action deemed appropriate; and
3. Authorize the Mayor's execution of the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of \$9,445,604; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed FY2027 Fee Resolution (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

Any new fees or increases to existing fees by more than 5% require a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. Additionally, as required by Idaho Code 63-1311, the City's fees collected shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of the service provided. Staff will discuss proposed fee increases for the FY2027 budget year, which support the FY2027 budget proposal. The fee increases are due to the additional costs associated with the delivery of services, including administration, operations, and maintenance. Fees proposed to be adjusted include the following: arts programs, land use and development fees, construction permit fees and fees related to inspections; increases to sanitation rates, water permit and service rates; sewer permit and service rates; street closure and traffic control; and stormwater rates. Other miscellaneous fee changes are

included in fiber optic service license fees, parks and recreation program fees, community event permit fees; Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center gym and room rentals; aquatic center admission, passes and lessons; and maps and document fees.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing, and after considering testimony presented, approve the FY2027 Fee Resolution as proposed; or take other action deemed appropriate.

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