

**CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

Mayor LaBree opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Council: Mayor Greg LaBree and Council Members: Maravell Gonsioroski, Tom Hattrup, Rob Layman and Larry Frank  
Staff: Byron Adams, City Supervisor, Kristi Heilman, City Clerk-Treasurer, Officer Manuel Lopez and Police Chief Jeff Burkett  
Absent: LeRoy Lenseigne  
Guests: Mark Roy

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor LaBree asked if there were any corrections, additions or omissions to the minutes of February 14, 2019. There were none.

**ACTION NO. 1** Council member Gonsioroski made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared. Council member Layman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. REVIEW A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A NEW STEEL ART SCULPTURE FOR THE CITY PARK-PRESENTATION BY MARK ROY**

Mark Roy provided handouts to the Mayor and City Council for a new Moxee Park Sculpture Project. In keeping with the City Park Hop theme and the City's logo of Hop Capital of the World, the proposal is to construct a steel art sculpture at the north entrance to the park, along the pathway, of a Hop cone suspended from a 20' tri pod steel structure. The sculpture will represent the weighing process of Hops back when Hops were all picked by hand. Hop pickers were paid by the pound for the Hops that they picked. Mr. Roy presented a preliminary budget for the project and is seeking a contribution from the City to aid in the funding of this sculpture which reflects the history of the hop production in the Moxee area. The Council approved of the proposed Hop Cone Sculpture and agreed to dedicate \$20,000 towards the project.

**ACTION NO. 2** Council member Layman made a motion to approve the construction of a new steel art sculpture for the City Park and to dedicate \$20,000 toward its construction. Council member Gonsioroski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**3. REVIEW A PROPOSAL TO PRUNE THE LARGE POPLAR TREES IN THE CITY PARK**

City Supervisor Adams reminded the Mayor and Council that in the 2019 Annual Budget, \$15,000 was budgeted to prune the park trees. Adams has received a proposal from Uribe Landscaping to prune 11 Poplar trees in the park, which will include raising the skirting evenly, lightening up the limbs, trimming away the dead wood, broken limbs and rubbing or crossing limbs. They will also chip up all debris and haul away all the wood. Adams noted this is the same contractor that did the tree removal along Seattle Avenue. Uribe's bid for the pruning of the trees is \$8,800.00 plus tax for a total of \$9,521.60. Adams is seeking council's approval to accept the proposal by Uribe's Landscaping in the amount of \$9,521.60

**ACTION NO. 3** Council member Gonsioroski made a motion to hire Uribe's Landscaping to perform pruning of the trees in the City Park. Council member Hattrup seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**4. REVIEW A REQUEST TO CREATE A MARKET BROCHURE FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY 24 AND MORRIER LANE.**

City Supervisor Adams reminded the Mayor and Council of the 5.7 acres of land that was donated to the City by J & E Family Investments back in 2017. Adams would like to have a market brochure created to give to YCDA to start marketing the land. Adams noted that in 2017 the land appraised at \$746,000 and he is suggesting to market the land at \$750,000. HLA Engineering would be able to produce the brochure. Adams is seeking Council approval to create the marketing brochure and to market the land at the price of \$750,000.

**ACTION NO. 4** Council member Frank made a motion to authorize the creation of a market brochure for City owned property at the marketing price of \$750,000. Council member Layman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5. REVIEW A REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SMALL CITY/TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YAKIMA REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY.**

City Supervisor Adams explained that the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency is in the process of seeking nominations for small city/town representatives to their Board of Directors. The position would require attendance at the scheduled board meetings. Adams was not sure but he thought that the Board of Directors meets once a month in Yakima.

**ACTION NO. 5** Council member Layman made a motion to nominate Greg LaBree for the position of Small City/Town Representative to the Board of Directors for Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency. Council member Hatstrup seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**6. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL CHECKS AS IDENTIFIED ON THE CLERK'S JOURNAL**

Mayor LaBree asked for a motion to approve Claims Check Numbers 34181 through 34190 plus any direct deposits for the amount of \$56,184.90 dated February 28, 2019. Payroll Check numbers 28571 through 28602 plus any direct deposits for the amount of \$83,054.45 dated February 28, 2019.

**ACTION NO. 6** Council member Hatstrup made a motion to approve the above-mentioned checks. Council member Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chief Burkett reported the Police Department call statistics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION NO. 7**

Council member Frank made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:44 PM. Council member Layman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

  
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CITY CLERK-TREASURER

  
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MAYOR LABREE

  
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LARRY FRANK

  
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TOM HATTRUP

  
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MARAVELL GONSIOROSKI

Absent  
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LEROY LENSEIGNE

  
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ROB LAYMAN