

**CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

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

Present:

Council: Mayor Greg LaBree and Council Members: LeRoy Lenseigne, David Roy, Jan Hutchinson, and Larry Frank
Staff: Byron Adams, City Supervisor, Kristi Heilman, City Clerk-Treasurer, Amy Conger Assistant City Clerk and Police Chief Burkett
Absent: Rob Layman
Guests: Neil Hutchinson, John Heilman, Tom & Janet Hatstrup, Ann Heine and Lori LaBree

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor LaBree asked if there were any corrections, additions, or omissions to the minutes of February 11, 2021. There were none.

ACTION NO. 1 Council member Frank made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared. Council member Lenseigne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION 2021-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON DETERMINING THE IRRIGATION PUMP STATION ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2021 IRRIGATION SEASON

City Supervisor Adams reminded the Council that irrigation season is starting in the next couple of weeks and that every year a Resolution determining the irrigation pump station assessment for the irrigation season is required. Adams noted that the City budgeted \$55.00 per connection for the 2021 season which is the same as the 2020 assessment. Mayor LaBree read Resolution 2021-01, a Resolution determining the irrigation pump station assessment for the 2021 irrigation season.

ACTION NO. 2 Council member Roy made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01, a Resolution determining the irrigation pump station assessment for the 2021 irrigation season. Council member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. REVIEW THE 2021 SPRING BULLETIN

The Mayor and Council were given copies of the proposed Spring Bulletin for 2021 to review and comment on. Adams reminded the Council that on Spring Clean Up it was noted that a limit on appliances will be one per residence and a limit on tires will be 4 tires per residence due to local abuse of the free service. The Mayor and Council all approved of the 2021 Spring Bulletin.

4. ORDINANCE #810 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FIDUCIARY FUND FOR MANAGEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF CUSTODIAL FUNDS.

City Supervisor Adams stated that the Washington State Auditors are requiring all agency funds that are collected and remitted by the City to be reported in a separate Fiduciary Fund. Agency funds that the City collects are State shared Court fees, Gun Permits fees and State Building Code fees, The fees are considered Custodial Funds and as such need to reported in a Fiduciary Fund. This Ordinance will create a Fiduciary Fund Number 630 to be titled as the Custodial Agency Fund

ACTION NO. 3 Council member Lenseigne made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance #810, an Ordinance creating a Fiduciary Fund for the management and disbursement of Custodial Funds. Council member Roy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mayor LaBree asked for a motion to approve the following checks:

Claims Check Nos. 35716 – 35769 plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$127,435.47

Claims Check Nos. 5012 – 5014 plus any Electronic Checks for a total of 780,326.66

Payroll Check Nos. 29753 – 29782 plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$ 90,679.50.

ACTION NO. 4 Council member Frank made a motion to approve the above-mentioned checks. Council member Roy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Morrier Ln Extension Right of Way Update

City Supervisor Adams reminded the Mayor and Council that at the last meeting the Council had approved to send a fourth letter to property owners Steve and Maureen Faubian regarding their property needed by the City for right of way for the Morrier Ln Extension project, to see if they were at an impasse. Prior to sending the letter Adams spoke to Alan Adolf from YVCOG and was reminded that the City must obligate the construction funds by August 1, 2021 or possibly lose them. Adams discussed the aggressive schedule with Ben Annen, Michele Pescador and Ken Harper and it was decided the Mr. Adams would go and try to speak to Steve and Maureen Faubian himself to find out if they were at an impasse. Adams said the meeting went very well. Mr. Faubian does want to work with the City but does not agree with the current appraised price. He feels the property is worth at least an additional \$60,000. Mr. Faubian stated that he would not be able to raise his pheasants because they would not adapt to the additional noise and additional traffic by his pheasant pens, so he would have additional costs of placing the birds with pheasant people all over the country. Adams stated that these are justifiable for the additional money to cover the cost of and settling with the Faubians would keep the City in line to complete the right of way phase and compliance to secure the STP funds for the construction phase of the project. Adams is seeking Council approval for an administrative adjustment in the amount of \$60,000. The Council was in consensus to approve the administrative adjustment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Voided Checks

City Clerk-Treasurer Kristi Heilman noted that check numbers 5010 and 5011 were voided as they were written out in the wrong amount. Check number 29652 was reported as lost or destroyed by an affidavit and that check was voided and check number 29783 was printed in its place.

PD STATS:

Police Chief Burkett gave the police stats for the last month. Chief Burkett also noted that an important piece of legislation has recently been struck down which basically strips law enforcement of any drug arrests and allows anyone to possess illegal drugs. Currently lawmakers are busy trying to rewrite the law. This change could have a big impact on the Public Safety sector.

MAYOR GREG LABREE LAST COUNCIL MEETING:

Council member Lenseigne made a presentation to Mayor LaBree of a plaque commemorating his 30 years of service to the City of Moxee and thanking him for his service. He was a Council member from 1991-1999 and then as Mayor from 1999- 2021. Mayor LaBree stated that he has been blessed with great council members and a supporting staff over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION NO. 5

Council member Frank made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:24 PM. Council member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER

MAYOR GREG LABREE

LEROY LENSEIGNE

LARRY FRANK

DAVID ROY

ROB LAYMAN

JAN HUTCHINSON