

**CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-CITY HALL**

Mayor Lenseigne opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00p.m.

Present

Council: Mayor and Council Members: Mayor LeRoy Lenseigne, Greg Spurgin, David Roy, Jan Hutchinson, and Larry Frank.

Staff: Amy Conger, City Clerk Treasurer; Mark Lewis, Police Lieutenant; Assistant City Clerk II, Naomi Valencia

Absent: Jeff Burkett, Rob Layman

Guests: Neil Hutchinson, Connie Lenseigne, Russell Hill, Taylor Fox, Michelle Mears, Madysen Mears, Michelle Fox, Holly Sharp, Lisa Sharples, Norma Wright

1. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger swore in LeRoy Lenseigne as newly elected Mayor for the City of Moxee.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger swore in David Roy as newly elected City Council Member for the City of Moxee.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger swore in Jan Hutchinson as newly elected City Council Member for the City of Moxee.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger swore in Larry Frank as newly elected City Council Member for the City of Moxee.

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Lenseigne asked if there were any errors, corrections, or omissions to the minutes of December 14, 2023. There were none.

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

3. RUSS HILL, EAST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, PRESENTATION.

East Valley School District Superintendent, Russ Hill presented the Council with a handout and spoke about the upcoming Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O) on the February 13, 2024 ballot. Hill stated that the EP&O Levy is a replacement levy of the current EP&O levy that was passed in 2021. The current levy is set to expire at the end of 2024.

4. TASK ORDER 2024-01, REGARDING GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOXEE AND HLA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE ELEMENT, HLA PROJECT NO. 23218E.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger stated that this was an agreement so that HLA could move forward with the Climate Element Chapter of the City Comp Plan. She also stated that this is required to be in place by 2025. Mayor Lenseigne read the Task Order.

ACTION NO. 2 Council Member Spurgin made a motion to approve Task Order 2024-01 as presented.
Council Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOXEE AND THE YAKIMA HUMANE SOCIETY.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger explained that the contract from Yakima Humane Society had 2 main changes. The sheltering price will increase from the current \$50/dog to \$110/dog. Also, the Yakima Humane Society will now be limiting the City to a 2 dog/month limit.

ACTION NO. 3 Council member Roy made a motion for the mayor to sign the Animal Sheltering Contract between the City of Moxee and Yakima Humane Society.

Council member Spurgin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS – RCW 42.30.110 (g)

Approximately 10 minutes

At 7:28 PM Mayor Lenseigne asked that the public leave the Council Chambers as the Council was going into Executive Session to discuss employee evaluations for approximately 10 minutes. At 7:38 PM Mayor Lenseigne reopened the Council Chambers to the public.

6. ORDINANCE #833 AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES.

Mayor Lenseigne read Ordinance #833, an Ordinance relating to employee salaries and repealing Ordinance # 827 in its entirety.

ACTION NO. 4 Council member Frank made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance #833, an Ordinance relating to employee salaries and repealing Ordinance #827 in its entirety.

Council member Roy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. CITY PARK, SPECIAL EVENT APPLE VALLEY VOLKSWAGEN ASSOCIATION

City Clerk Treasurer Conger stated that the request for the use of the park was similar to last years request to have their annual car show, swap meet, and camping at the Moxee City Park. Conger explained that the requested dates for this year's event are September 13, 14, and 15, 2024.

ACTION NO. 5 Council member Roy made a motion to approve the Special Event request from Apple Valley Volkswagen Association with restrictions.

Council member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. YAKIMA VALLEY LOCAL CRIME LAB PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT #1.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger explained to the council that the terms of the original agreement were for 1 year only, with the intent to continue the contract. This amendment would extend the contract for an additional year. Mayor LeRoy Lenseigne read the Yakima Valley Local Crime Lab Professional Services Agreement, Amendment #1.

ACTION NO. 6 Council member Hutchinson made a motion for the mayor to sign the Yakima Valley Local Crime Lab Professional Services Agreement, Amendment #1.

Council member Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. POLICE LIEUTENANT, MARK LEWIS, AXON BODY 4 & TASER 7 SERVICE AGREEMENT.

Police Lieutenant Lewis presented the council with a copy of the Axon Body 4 & Taser 7 5-year quote summary. He stated that this service agreement with Axon will get the police department training for new tasers, tasers, taser cartridges, docking stations, licenses, cloud storage, extended warranties, and every 30 months, new body cameras for \$78,203 which would be paid over 5 years.

ACTION NO. 6 Council member Frank made a motion to approve the Axon Body 4 & Taser 7 Service Agreement.

Council member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Payroll Check Nos. 31523 – 31553 Plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$95,483.30 for December 2023

Claims Check Nos. 37696 – 37734 Plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$176,901.31 for December 2023

Payroll Check Nos. 31554 – 31568 Plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$51,890.33 for January 2024

Claims Check Nos. 37735 – 37749 Plus any Electronic Checks for a total of \$38,950.42 for January 2024

ACTION NO. 7 Council member Spurgin made a motion to approve the above-mentioned checks.

Council member Roy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

City Clerk Treasurer Conger informed the Council about the progress made at Well #4. She stated that Schneider had come out this week. Schneider has removed the shaft to the 400' level. The work being done is at Schneider's expense. She stated that the process will take about 6 weeks.

City Clerk Treasurer Conger informed the council that Jeanette Evans with Evans Fruit did not show up to the title company for the scheduled December 29, 2023 closing. Conger let the council know that City Supervisor Burkett had reached out to the city attorney and that they had drafted a "Formal Notice to Vacate and No Longer Use City of Moxee Property" letter with the intent to send it to Jeanette Evans. The council was presented with this letter to read it over. Conger asked the council if they would like to send the letter to Jeanette Evans. The Council decided that they would like City Supervisor Burkett to reach out to Evans one more time, to see if we can resolve anything.

OTHER BUSINESS

East Valley Community Enhancement Association Royalty representative, Holly Sharp, asked that council if they would continue their financial support of the Royalty and the Moxee City float. Sharp stated that the float was in poor condition and needed repairs. The council expressed their concern with EVCEA follow through but agreed to continue to support the Royalty float.


Police Lieutenant Lewis informed the council that the police department was moving forward with the hiring of a new police officer to replace retiring Officer Jensen.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION NO. 8 Council member Frank made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:30p.m.

Council member Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

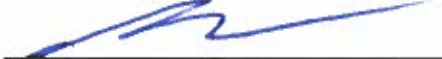
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