Meeting Minutes for City of Mossyrock – February 18, 2026

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City Council Meeting Minutes
Date: February 18, 2026
Location: Mossyrock Community Center
Time: 6:01 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by the mayor. Juliana Simon Motions and Ron Lindgren seconds the motion.
- Roll call: Ron, Sam, Juliana, Teresa (arrived later)
- One council position (#3) vacant; no applicants to date.
- Quorum established.
- Vouchers for January only approved by one council member and still awaiting second council member to approve before March regular meeting

2. Executive Session

- Executive session commenced at 6:01 PM, expected to last no longer than 10 minutes.
- Session closed; regular council meeting resumed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited twice during the meeting.

4. Public Comment – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades 6:08

- Mayor provided an update on planned upgrades at the request of a community member:
    - Efficiency improvements are recommended by Ecology as far as the motors and the way the system works. Also, the mayor discussed the aerator systems in holding tanks and offered a bit of insight as to how those work: The City will be replacing motors with soft start motors, upgrading aerator systems, blowers, and UV light system.
    - Construction scheduled for summer 2027.
    - Funding: 50/50 grant from Ecology.
    - Emergency upgrade for notification system communication has started on this as well (the mayor estimates $72,000–$77,000), also funded by Ecology.
- Public encouraged to tour the treatment plant and tours should be scheduled with the mayor.
- Discussion on clarifier repairs (clarifier drive system) and grant funding history.
- No more public comment currently

5. Staff & Committee Reports 6:17

Public Works

- Lab equipment recertification and calibrating scheduled for February 19.
- Dewatering process underway; non-pot pump repaired.
- Water meter and valve issues addressed; vendor changed for valves about four years ago and this may have been one of the valves from the previous defective batch.

- Concrete poured in shop bays; new doors planned for 2027.
- Gate Posts installed at park entrance to prevent vandalism due to vehicles. Plans of c=setting dawn to dusk hours once the gate is installed and completed as well as posting signage.
- Public Works staff commended.

Police

- Chief absent; the mayor mentions the new officer Laura Riebold that is training and onboarding with the Morton police department that will assist in patrolling the Mossyrock area; as well as the return of officer Jessica Stevens.
- Discussion of recent overdose incident; lack of public reporting noted and thoughts of wishing it was reported for public notice for public awareness.
- Council expressed concern about transparency and youth awareness.

Treasurer's Report

- City Treasurer went over Month Ending January financial report
- Mayor mentions expenditures and insurance increases noted as well as first quarter expenditure increase

Planning Commission

- Mossyrock City Clerk Amy Edgington representing the planning commission, Marcia Manley out on medical leave
- Meeting held February 9; RV Ordinance 514 planning discussed and forwarded the drafted Ordinance to council for final review and adoption.
- Livestock provisions reviewed; discrepancies found in city codes, recodifying Mossyrock Code and changes to subsections within title chapters will need to be completed.
- Council asked to table issue for a month for further refinement.
- Informal discussions planned with council members.

Parks

- Board did not meet in January or February.
- Efforts underway to increase Hispanic community participation in park survey.
- Attempts to obtain Chehalis tribe cultural survey.
- Park improvements discussed: paving trails, increasing visitor experience.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Mitch Townsend, Chairman of Mossyrock School District Board, discussed traffic safety issues and talks of significant traffic revisions to take place for children's safety and city growth. Commitment to ongoing cooperation with city council. Hoping to bring community together in a more widely communicative way board of executive directors have committed to coming to council meetings on a regular basis. Thanks given to Mr. Townsend for the presentation and presence by the mayor
- Buddy Rose presented on republishing the "Red Book" (Memories from Family Albums of School District 206, published in 1976), a local history project. 300 copies to be printed and copies to be offered to the public for sale, with sales benefiting Historical Society and Grange. Buddy shared some fascinating and intriguing historical facts that will be included in the new volume
- Paulette from Mossyrock Grange shared success of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, serving elderly and low-income residents. 498 returns filed in 2024, saving community $92,000 in tax preparation fees. Program includes Spanish-language support and student volunteers. Schedule provided and will be posted throughout the City.

7. New Business 6:52

Ordinance 504-2 (Pass-Through Funds)

- Mayor Randall Sasser recommends tabling for further review and to seek legal counsel. Motion made and seconded to table until next meetings for legal review by Ron Lindgren and second by Teresa Quinlan

Union Contract

- Motion made and accepted by Sam Schellenger and seconded by Juliana Simon to accept union contract; passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

Ordinance 518 (Conditional Use Permit)

- On 30-day hold; to be addressed in March.

Ordinance 520 (Livestock Guidelines)

- Planning Commission recommendations to form a joint task force with council members. Samuel Schellenger and Ronald Lindgren stepped up to head out the conversation of Ordinance No 520
- Marsha (Planning Commission) on medical leave; issue tabled until next month.

Ordinance 514 (RV Ordinance)

- Findings and recommendations discussed; council to review before next regular meeting on March 18th Council unanimously agrees to tabling at this time.

9. City Logo Selection

- Discussion on process for selecting new city logo:
  - Logos will be displayed at City Hall for community votes.
  - Notice to be included in water bill inviting residents to vote.
  - Voting to conclude by April 1.
  - Considerations discussed for logo use on vehicles and letterhead, size of logo and readability as well as color.

10. Additional Comments & Announcements

- Mayor discussed animal control concerns and owner responsibilities of all types of pets. Recent intersection accident and the complacency of drivers on Hwy 12. Communicated to community about the need to replace water reservoir on Coleman Road that is leaking. Talks of moving forward on starting the process for funding
- Mayor thanked Commissioner Brummer for attending the council meeting
- Solid waste meeting update from Sam Schellenger: Centralia location outgrown, new receiving station planned. Paint disposal discussed; awaiting further information on container logistics.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Ron and seconded by Sam; meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Bragg based on transcript and notes of proceedings. 2020.08.31_08.10_01.MP3