City of Mackay Regular Meeting of the City Council Tuesday, August 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Wayne Olsen, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Wayne Olsen, Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Richard Mangum, and Michelle Teninty. Mike Foster is on vacation.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Tammy Weaver, Mike Evans, Al Krouse, Josh Erickson and Cydney Krosch.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mayor Olsen said, we didn't get one, but we have incident reports so make yourself familiar with them and if there's any questions, we will take those and get them back to the sheriff's office for answers.

LRED – MIKE EVANS

Mr. Evans said, grant status, we have CHC, hoping to hear Monday and RD grant number two has been awarded to us and we're working with National Travel Center to incorporate that which will be a website and marketing campaign. We met with the Department of Commerce; we visited nine businesses. So overall, we were a very successful visit. So, we had the rodeo. We'll be working with Kevin and that team to look at lessons learned from this rodeo and how they can improve for next year. The markets in full swing until mid-September.

BARBEQUE - MIKE EVANS

Mr. Evans continued, the BBQ, we had our kickoff meeting last week. For this year, I'll be the chairperson. Randy is in charge of food prep. Stephanie Levitt is leading our serving team, Rebecca is going to head up the entertainment and marketing. Okay, that's all I have.

PLAYGROUND

Councilman Mangum stated, we're still thinking a week to put it all together and everything. I've got about eight volunteers now.

Mayor Olsen said, Mr. Van Leuven said to let him know so that the FFA kids could bring their tools over, they would like to help. In our council meeting this morning, Chardon reported that the City is done with what they were asked to do up to this point, the sprinklers lines have been replaced, sprinklers have been relocated, he said that they would put up a fence so let me know and I'll tell Chardon and Eric and Duane when we need to have that fence put out and kids need to stay off of it. I submitted the report to steel Reese and told them that it wasn't the final report, but I gave them all the information that they wanted and sent a picture of where we were right now.

2024 FY BUDGET

Mayor Olsen said, Okay, Budget. Everybody take a look at the budget that was drafted at the budget work meeting. Are there any questions? Did we capture all the changes? And we've got the budget hearing coming up. So, I would like a motion to approve publication to propose a budget.

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve publication to proposed budget, Councilwoman Hames seconded, motion approved.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

Mayor Olsen said, we have some new information. This morning in the staff meeting, we had a talk about the pump down at the kid's park, that's the smallest pump we have, and that's a brand-new pump. We have a bid for \$22,000, the name of the company prestige. Chardon says our biggest well is the one over by the highway district and suggested that that's where we put the emergency generator because it would pump the most water. I would recommend we put that on the five-year plan.

Councilwoman Hames made a motion to add a pump to the well, Councilman Mangum seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Clerk Teninty stated, I don't have the Treasurer's Report, but I have bills to pay. I also I don't have the minutes ready.

Councilman Wall made a motion to pay bills, Councilwoman Hames seconded, motion passed. Clerk Teninty continued, Planning and Zoning recommended we approve 508 South Main and 216 Rose.

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the two permits, Councilwoman seconded, motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

DEAN WALL - STREETS

Councilman Wall said, the City rodeo grounds road is 99% Complete. We used out all of the gravel that the mining company gave us plus, I had to call and increase it. The road from the start to Kathy's gate is complete. We were just a little teeny bit short on the road that goes from the new road to the fairgrounds. So, it could use a couple more loads, two or three loads of rejects gravel. I don't know if the City's got a couple of loads that we can just kind of throw on it to make it a little wider. They stretched it as far as we could stretch it. So, the road is great. They did a great job.

Councilwoman Hames made a motion to donate road material for completion of the road to the fair building, Councilman Wall seconded, motion approved.

Councilman Wall continued; Kelvin is out of our office space. Moved out Monday or Tuesday, I do have it rented again, as soon as I confirm this space is ready. it's actually Mike Evans and Patrick Seyfried, and then maybe Bob Bagley.

Mayor Olsen added, in staff meeting this morning, we talked about the dentist office. And so, Michelle, sent Jeff an email and this is from Jeff Barnard. He's the head honcho of Eagle Rock, Dental. And he says I can give you an update I have, we are talking with three doctors, unfortunately, all are not available until March through June of 2024. We really want to keep an office in Mackay and we'll continue to pay rent if is allowed. I also understand the constraints you have to work with. Please let me know how you want to proceed.

Councilman Wall stated, I would make a recommendation that we visit what he's paying and assess that so that it's not costing us money for maintenance, water, plowing. Just make sure that we can leave it at the minimum rate. That's all I have.

KAREN HAMES - PARKS & RECREATION

Councilwoman Hames said I would like to really say that this is a lot bigger project for doing this playground thing. This is the big deal, because we hope it's nice for the kids. And, I have one question on the shelter. We don't charge anything on that do we? Or do we charge if they reserved that? No, okay, that was really my only question.

RICHARD MANGUM – WATER & SEWER (PARKS & RECREATION) Councilman Mangum said, I really don't have anything to cover yet.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Olsen said, we've talked a little about Well, we did talk about the dentist office, and we talked about putting the generator on this well over here.

So as soon as we get into October, we'll order that generator, and we talked about the money over there for the well to kid's park. So, the only other thing that I have. This is a letter dated today went to Terry Townsley from ICRMP. Dear Mr. Towsley, We are the insurance carrier for City of Mackay. We have received your claim against our above referenced insured for the damage you alleged to have sustained and have been unable to find any negligence on the part of our insured pursuant to Idaho code 40 Dash 202 and 40 Dash 6041. The City is required to repair and maintain public roadways within the county which includes the removal of snow and ice from public roadways. This means that the means and operations which the City elects to use to maintain public roadways is a discretionary function which is granted immunity from liability under Idaho code six dash 9041 Like government entity can only be held liable if there is gross negligence or willful misconduct resulting in damage or injury. The City must use the sides of the road to deposit snow and ice. There are certain times when there's such heavy snow that a City operator cannot determine what is located in there right away. The City has no other choice but to use this equipment or stop plowing the roads altogether. It was found that this vehicle was left in the City right of way. Any property owner placing landscaping or objects in the Right of Way does so at their own risk of damage. As a result of this investigation, we conclude that City of Mackay is not liable for damages in this insurance. This instance, under the Idaho Tort Claims Act, therefore, we must decline any payment on your claim. Does anyone have anything else?

Councilman Wall answered, well, I do have a water bill. The first one is entity number 374. The reason I checked into this, to kind of look at the monthly consumption of water, but I'm afraid that we're paying more for pumping than what we're getting for the water bill. They do give us a yearly dividend, which probably covers the cost of the pumping on the second one, but the first one does not. And so, we need to probably address that.

ADJOURN

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hames seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Wayne Olsen, Mayor

Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer