

City of Mackay
Special Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Wayne Olsen, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Wayne Olsen, Dean Wall, Richard Mangum, Mike Foster and Michelle Teninty. Karen Hames was absent.

BUDGET

Mayor Olsen started, first off, Michelle, thank you for your efforts and everything you've done in preparing this budget. It is a job very well done. If you look at the Fire Department, the proposed expenditure I had changed to \$14,000 because that's what we're obligated to give the fire department with the current contract with the fire department. The other change is that we agreed verbally, as gentleman's agreement with Custer County, that to show good faith that we're trying to do our best to pay for what we get for services from the Sheriff's department to give them a 3% increase each year. Maleah asked for an increase also. I've talked with Randy Ivie about our old fire truck. And we have as a City have no use for it, but they do. And he said that they would like to take the old fire truck and put it in service. I would say let's negotiate and get a little money out of that fire truck and maybe not increased at \$1,000 given the fire truck.

Councilman Foster said, I think Randy is pretty conservative. I wonder if we just give them 15 for 2024 and give them the fire truck if they can put it in use.

Mayor Olsen replied, I'm in agreement with that. But we have to have that contract.

Councilman Wall said, I see the street fund jump to 50,000. What's that outcome?

Councilman Foster replied, I think we need to get back on a program of either chip seal or fog slurry on our roads every year. The streets, keeping the pavement in good shape. The police protection, the fire protection, not to say parks aren't just as important, but I think we've got to carry those four basic things before we get to parks or airport, or whatever else and all the other 100 things we do. I would suggest we try to fund those things. Frankly, I think the airport is kind of a money pit. I mean, there's nobody in Mackay that owns a plane now, and I want to keep the airport closed in the winter. I would get our expenses at the airport down to a bare minimum because our citizens aren't using it.

Mayor Olsen stated, I have recommended to the Council that you hire Eric full time and I want it left in there. The reason I say that is that if you don't have people to do this job, the budget means nothing. I'll throw it up to the Council. Do you want to take it out or leave it?

Councilman Mangum answered, I think we should leave it in, because we don't know we don't have a crystal ball, we don't want to wait a year from now or six months from now and be shorthanded.


Mayor Olsen said, Irrigation is a fixed cost, that's what we have to pay Idaho Department of Water Resources for our wells and the water usage of the river.

Councilman Foster added, the park bathrooms are kind of dismal. They're going to need some upgrade. We've cobbled them together for about as long as we can, they're old and they're a maintenance nightmare.

Mayor Olsen said, when the power went off, in preparation for that power outage, we wanted to make sure we had firewater, so we made sure the tank was full when the power went off, the check valve on the pump at the kid's park didn't stop backflow and it drained the tank. So you would think that was the spring flowing and 450 gallons per minute into a 300,000 gallon tank, mathematically, it would take 11 hours to refill that tank. It took five days, because you can't shut off the tank from the water system because then you know it has water pressure, because that's where the pressure comes from. Right now, we have two pumps. Bottom line is we need a well and we need an emergency generator for our water system. Because the spring is the only source of fire water without having electricity. Chardon was thinking about fire protection, if we get a generator, we have fire protection just like every other city. When the power goes out, we're not going to have fire protection if the tank is empty. I thought that when all three pumps were running that is a little water would go back into the tank. This did not happen.

ADJOURN

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hames seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.



Wayne Olsen, Mayor



Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer