

City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mangum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Richard Mangum, Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Mike Foster, Suzanne Whitworth.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – Really good turn out.

Crystal Roche from Water District 34 inquired about radon mitigation. Councilwoman Whitworth noted levels were not consistently high and would dissipate with the ground thawing, advising to monitor over summer and re-evaluate in fall. Funds for mitigation are currently unavailable. Crystal asked if rent payments could be deferred to cover repairs; Mayor Mangum said it would be considered. Vernon Roche highlighted health issues due to current conditions. The Mayor noted radon levels at 9.1, with a \$6,400 proposal for mitigating four units. Jason Anderson asked about approval time if Water District funds the mitigation.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – Chris stated the normal report looks like the last couple of months has been slow. Son-in-law is signed on full time now. Chris has been on all week and has given out several citations. Opened up a Chief Administrative position. Deputy and dispatcher positions are available. Working with Salmon trying to get a K9 unit for Challis. New handheld radios and new light bars.

Rick Mauthie reported that semi-trucks are stopping at the wrong location due to unclear directions to Proud Source. Despite a new road, drivers are unaware of Proud Source's correct address. He requested Proud Source ensure proper signage. Councilman Foster mentioned he spoke with Kelvin Krosch about the highway sign issue, which Krosch will investigate. Foster will follow up. It is Proud Source's responsibility to maintain signs and roads.

Amber Sherwood proposed upgrades to Heritage Park for softball, including a dirt infield. She seeks donations, requiring 125' of diamond dust. The park is needed for practice, with about 100 kids involved. Councilman Foster noted baseball's decline but emphasized parks are public. Councilwoman Hames suggested city budget support and local option tax for improvements. Amber Beck mentioned the Lions' partnership for softball. The council agreed to adopt the proposal if done promptly, with Public Works addressing sprinkler relocation.

LRED – Final payment made to National Travel Center. Contractors identified for kitchen upgrade. Veteran Service Office in Mackay on April 29th. Senior center lunches on Mondays and Fridays at Noon. Plan to attract more people.

Bob Bagley seeks approval for two events: Mother's Day Craft & Gift Show on May 3rd, and Mackay Summer Market from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Bob Burroughs Memorial Park. The signage cost is \$403.64, and he requests city funding. Mayor Mangum will consider this. Councilman Foster motioned to approve the events, seconded by Councilwoman Whitworth. The Council passed the motion.

Doug Belden – New Business – Doug discussed with local businesses about opening a Cal Ranch style store in Mackay, aiming to retain larger item purchases within the valley and benefit the community. Doug requested property from the industrial park. Mike Evans highlighted the importance of avoiding emotional decisions and ensuring economic development benefits.

Mayor Olsen explained that city ordinances prohibit transferring city property without fair market value assessment. Councilman Foster raised concerns about fairness to other businesses if property is given away. He suggested selling the property instead. Councilman Wall expressed frustration over being instructed on legal rules but acknowledged the need for clarity due to the lot's purchase history. Final decisions were postponed to ensure legality and fairness.

Councilman Foster moved to extend the \$15.00 surcharge year-round until the new meters are fully installed, estimated to take 1 year and nine months. The budget sheet will be adjusted to reflect this change, including a \$37,000 line item for meter purchase and installation. Additionally, changes will be made to Chardon's salary to fund him more from the sewer fund. This will result in a clear budget for maintenance and operations for the rest of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hames and passed by the council.

Parks – Councilwoman Hames tabled this until May meeting

Oscar Wornek Rental Rates/Audit – Councilwoman Whitworth tabled this until the May meeting.

Request for Waiver – Councilman Foster made motion to not approve waiver, 2nd by Councilwoman Whitworth, Council passed.

Review To Do List – Copy of To Do list given to Mayor and all Council Members. Tabled until May meeting

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Karen Hames - Parks & Recreation – Tabled her concerns. Asked about sidewalks. As weather gets warmer these will be completed.

Mike Foster – Sewer & Water Have we made progress with ATC regarding street light? Fire hydrant does not work on Larter Street. Ken Day suggested a repair to get it working. Install a new valve.

Dean Wall – Streets – Haven't committed to any seal coat yet.

Suzanne Whitworth – O.W. Business Park – Fill potholes in the streets even if it's with gravel. We have some pretty big ones. Chardon to ask Lucas if material can be put down. Patrick Seefried thanked everyone for the Oscar Wornek building as he is now working out of his home. Austin Hocking is not going to rent due to insurance.

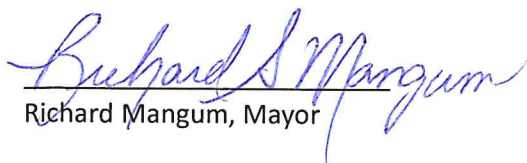
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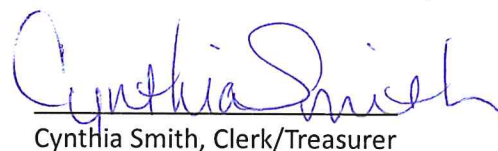
Motion to approve March 11, 2025 minutes by Councilman Whitworth 2nd by Councilman Wall, council passed.

Motion to pay bills Councilman Wall, second by Councilwoman Hames, council passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Bridge is still a go. Sidewalks are on track to be completed.

ADJOURN – Councilwoman Hames made motion to adjourn, Councilman wall 2nd, council passed.


Richard Mangum, Mayor


Cynthia Smith, Clerk/Treasurer