

Minutes
City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance at Mackay City Hall.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Bob Bagley, Lin Hintze, Ben Sanders, Hans Osenga and Shirley Olsen.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Burroughs, Council Member Wall, Council Member Wallin.

OLD BUSINESS

Independent highway helped the City of Mackay plow snow while our plow truck was having problems.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 6:02 pm made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Wall. All in Favor. Passed Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.,

SWEARING IN OF THE NEW OFFICERS

Mayor Olsen was sworn in as the Mayor of Mackay.

Bob Burroughs was sworn in as a Council member.

Hans Osenga recused himself from the city council due to having a conflict of interest having ownership in the Mackay Lumberyard. Mayor Olsen declared the seat as vacant. There are two options on how to proceed. Option 1, the council can continue as they have with 3 council members until the next election. Option 2, the council can charge the Mayor with coming up with a candidate to fill the seat. The council decided to go with option 2. Mayor Olsen will canvas the community for a possible candidate.

Next item is to elect a council president. Council member Wall nominates council member Burroughs as council president. Council member Burroughs accepted the council president position.

Lastly, the standard meeting day and time of the city council is kept as the same day and time, the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

INPUT FROM VISITORS-3 MINUTES

BEN SANDERS—MACKAY EVENTS

Sanders is interested in bringing the White Knob Challenge Bike Race back to Mackay. This event would take place on public lands, specifically the National Forest Service (FS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

land. Insurance is a key component to the ability to use the public lands. Sanders has spoke with Jim McKelvey of McKelvey Insurance. McKelvey believes that ICRMP (the city insurance) should be able to provide "blanket" annual coverage for the events that would meet the requirements in order to use federal/public land. In the event ICRMP insurance did not cover these events, Sanders looked into private event insurance. It would be around \$450 to purchase private insurance for the day long event. The White Knob Challenge is currently slated to be a pleasurable bike ride and not a race. There will be no prize money or any expectation for racing. There would be no liability for injuries, and no official race finish line. This event would be a baby step to get this event back to being close to the race it was historically. It is the goal to have this event starting this coming summer (2020). A registration website must be established. It is the goal to have this event very inexpensive or free so anyone can participate. The documentation must be submitted to the Forest Service by February 15th.

There are not the resources available to have the first year a full-blown professional bike race. Council member Burroughs is concerned that the goal of having this event a free or very inexpensive event is not reasonable. He is concerned that Sanders will not have any funds to get this event running. Council member Burroughs mentioned it may be a good plan to put together a board for these events first. If not a board, perhaps draft a charter for the board for these 3 events Sanders is working to put on. In this fashion, when the board is established formally it is not contingent on a particular name of an individual. The body of volunteers on this board should include certain prominent members of the City of Mackay. Some ideas for members may be member of a city council, prominent business owners, members of LRED, etc. The plan is for this board to host these events. The event would not belong to any one individual. No one can leave town and take the event with them. It is the desire of Sanders and the city council that these events occur in Mackay and stay here locally to help bring life into the community. The board is authorized to create certain seats but no one can leave town and take the event with them. Council member Burroughs agrees with Sanders, but he is concerned that the board should be assembled first. This summer the event cannot be a full blown event because Sanders is still working on organizing the event and stimulating interest in the community. Sanders will need to present the charter that outlines the scope of the board and its purpose. Mayor Olsen said he and the city council can assist Sanders with that task. Anyone interested in serving on the board is to contact Ben Sanders. Visitor Bob Burroughs has concerns about getting sued over an event over gross negligence. He also has concerns that the group should be an LLC to protect the city. Being a corporation or charter would eliminate liability for the city.

The next event Sanders is working on is a hand gliding event. He has done extensive survey work of 2 possible launch sites. He has also been speaking with the National Hand Gliding Association about creating a non-professional event. This event would be more relaxed than a professional competition, it would not have any prizes, and would be a baby step towards an even larger event down the road. There is interest in helping the King Mountain Hand Gliding event running again and perhaps coordinating these 2 events to happen together or in some sort of series.

Lastly, Sanders is working on getting a Disc Golf course here in Mackay, on a piece of city property. There are currently no events scheduled to happen on the disc golf course. It would be a good idea to have a disc golf competition the first year it is installed. Sanders has surveyed the available space and the area that Mayor Olsen laid out. It would have adequate space for 9 holes. Sanders does not want to cut down any of the shrubs, willows or trees. They are to all be left intact. Sanders and the city would manufacture our own T boxes for the golf holes. Sanders has found a \$30,000 grant from the BLM for economic improvement. For

the 9 holes, he has found 9 baskets for about \$690. If the city wanted to use a higher quality basket, nicer baskets would cost \$1500 really nice baskets.

Council member Burroughs made a motion to approve to authorize Sanders to pursue establishing a disc golf course. Council member Wall seconded.

LIN HINTZE – URBAN RENEWAL --

Urban renewal is most beneficial for cities who have a large infrastructure. Mackay has a relatively small infrastructure and urban renewal will not work as well for us.

Hintze would like to approach the city and county and find out how much tax money it will generate over the next 20 years. He thinks the money could then be used to leverage more money for the city. With the urban renewal plan, the money earned wouldn't bring in enough money to run the city. Hintze went to a meeting in Canyon county to learn about the urban renewal plan.

Hintze also believes if you don't have something for locals to get out and do, like recreation, it would be hard to get people to move to your community. Mackay is a nice city and has a good school. Our streets are in much better condition than Arco and Challis. These good streets are a feature for folks to consider when thinking about moving to Mackay.

Hintze thinks if each taxing district supplied some money it would be possible to hire a professional grant writer to write grant applications to better our small city. With improvements, more people may move here. A hurdle that would have to be overcome is that more housing would need to be built and more jobs that pay a living wage brought in locally. Hintze's hope is that each taxing district and some businesses could give some money for this common good. If not for this goal of hiring a grant writer, perhaps they could help in another way such as hosting an event or otherwise investing in the city.

Hintze's plan is to go to each taxing district, fire district, library district, and ask them to donate money for hiring a grant writer. Hintze is asking that the city let others such as taxing districts know that the city of Mackay is providing funding and trying to help this effort. Visitor Bob Burroughs added that the Lost River Highway district cannot be writing checks for economic development from a legal perspective. It may be asked, what does the highway district get for their \$1,500 donation to help the city?

DOG COMPLAINT AT 800 S FULLMER AVENUE

The council does not believe that the Sheriff spoke with the residence. The city ordinance regarding pets says you can have up to 4 dogs, (4 pets total including cats and dogs).

The council would need to declare this property a nuisance in order to ask the lawyer to write a letter to this individual.

Council member Burroughs made a motion that we declare the residence's dogs a public nuisance and take appropriate action, Council member Wallin seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously. Mayor Olsen will contact the city lawyer about writing a letter to this individual.

CAMP HOST AT THE TOURIST PARK

Having a camp host at the tourist park was brought up at staff meeting. The camp host would be given a free location to camp by the new restroom. They would have their sewer, water and electricity paid for from May-September. They would have to be at their camper Thursday-Sunday and provide services to the campers.

They would be responsible for posting the reserve signs, taking them down, and settling any disputes between the campers. Council member Burroughs made a motion, Council member Wallin seconded looking into getting a camp host. All in favor, passed unanimously. Council member Wall is curious if the city may be

able to supply a vehicle to the camp host with a City of Mackay logo. It was undecided if they will move forward on getting a vehicle to the camp host.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No Sheriff in attendance. New deputy in town, we believed his name is Matt. The council is happy to see that the new deputy is friendly.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Burroughs

Duke Whitehead plowed snow at the airport for the gas company. He blocked the access way into the helipad and the runway. City employees went and moved the snow a couple days later. Whitehead and a city employee have been butting heads on snow plowing. Ken has requested that Duke not put more snow into the street for the city to plow.

The fencing was installed around the haystacks and may have changed the deer pattern in town. Fish and Game said that having less to eat in town may push the deer back up into the hills, which the council hopes will happen.

Council Member Szabo – ABSENT/RESIGNED

Council Member Wall

Gary Kimball is putting the new trim up in the area of the business park that got flooding damage. The restoration company is coming back and shampooing the carpets. It will cost somewhere around \$250-\$300. The cleaning company suggested cleaning the carpets with the dirt and debris that would have been flooded into the carpet. Without the carpet cleaning bill, this incident is costing the city about \$3,600. The water line that broke has been isolated so that it won't happen going forward. Heat tape has been put on the other pipes so avoid this sort of problem happening in the future. Ken Day will put heat tape on the gutters so that the gutters will get cleaned out.

The heat system in Mackay city hall is supposed to be fixed on Monday. The weather did not allow the technicians to get to Mackay.

Randy Ivie got ahold of Council member Wall, INL has 4 buses here parked in Mackay now. INL wanted the city to give them permission to park north of where the buses are parked. The city agreed to give them permission to park at the dump station facility for the winter until they get the INL bus parking lot in better condition. The routes to and from the INL were started up again on Monday. Five individuals signed up to ride the bus. There were 12 vehicles parked at the parking site yesterday. Having a bus service to the INL will be another attractant to live in Mackay.

Council Member Wallin-

Council member Wallin doesn't have any items to discuss.

Deputy Clerk Wall

- **Delinquent Water Accounts-** No delinquent water accounts.

- **Approve paying the bills-** Council member Burroughs made a motion to approve, Council member Wallin seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously.
- **Approve Quarterly & Monthly Treasurer Report-** Reports were not prepared for this meeting and will be approved in the February meeting.
- **Approve Meeting Minutes-** Council member Burroughs made a motion we approve. Council member Wallin seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously.
- **Local Option Tax Update-** Insert in everyone's packet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Olsen

Mayor Olsen gave the go-ahead for the ID State Highway Department to plow some snow breaks on the airport next to the fence. The brush is gone, and the snow has been drifting into the highway.

The sewer system was discussed in staff meeting this morning. Enzymes are being added to the system and it is keeping the ammonia levels low. Ken is looking into using sodium bisulfide to neutralize the chlorine that is added to the system. Ken can buy a barrel that would cost about \$500 and would last about 2 years. A bully barn has been discussed to house the sodium bisulfide. Chlorine is going into the system as a gas. A wire may need to go in there and that would satisfy the year 2023 requirements for sewer.

Mayor Olsen asked the council if they would authorize buying a bully barn. Council member Burroughs made a motion to approve buying the bully barn and the chemicals to get this job done. Council member Wall seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Enzymes will be dumped into the lift stations. These enzymes will clean great lengths of the sewer lines.

The final Keller Environmental Engineering report is done and provided to the council to look through. Keller is turning this report into the Environmental Protection Agency. There may be items/tasks returned to us from federal agencies that we need to do. Council member Walling pointed out that they may ask us to create a third sewer pond. There are new requirements coming in 2023 that the city will have to meet.

Council member Burroughs asked where we stand on getting the CCTV survey work done. Mayor Olsen said that he has a contract to sign and that when the weather warms up, the trucks will be out here to begin the CCTV work and see what condition our sewer lines are in. Water must be used to clean the lines prior to the CCTV work.

The fence at the tourist park is installed. The G area and unloading area has a chain link fence around it. 2 gates will need to be installed. The new restroom has the plumbing completed. It will be tested for leaks in the spring. The inside is all installed. Hand dryers are being installed. When the weather warms up the walls will be stained, the ceiling painted white and the floors epoxied. Pictures have been sent to Idaho Parks and Recreation. Tammy, our representative, asked when the interior will be painted.

Council member Burroughs asked if the flow meter has been installed yet. Mayor Olsen said it will be installed when the weather warms up enough so that the exposed line would not freeze.

The council requested a work order system. That has been enacted. Mayor Olsen, Clerk Faiferlick and Deputy Clerk Wall can issue a work order to Ken Day or Duane Jernburg. Council member Burroughs asked what constitutes a work order. Mayor Olsen said that anything that is not a routine item will have a work order used to keep track of that work order.

The door that was damaged by the attempted break into Oscar Wornek has been replaced.

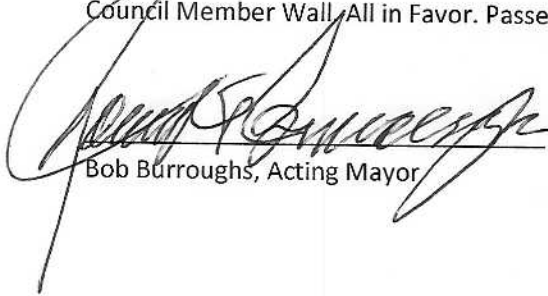
Two water meters froze in town yesterday. Three-meter lids need to be replaced as well. If individuals would keep their water running, that would keep the water from freezing. The meter lids are being taken out by snowplows or back hoes.

FINAL COMMENTS –

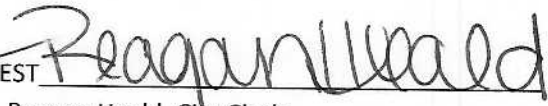
No final comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 8:03 pm made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Wall, All in Favor. Passed Unanimous.


Bob Burroughs, Acting Mayor

ATTEST


Reagan Heald, City Clerk