

Minutes
City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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, Wally Wallin, Greg Blackwell, Richard Mangum, Vicki Wall, and Natalie Perez.

Visitors

Ben Winder, Jeff Wells, Hunter Diehl, Maleah Ivie, Michael Evans, Shirley Evans, and Bob Bagley

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mike Evans- Would like to discuss the City of Mackay's involvement/relationship with the Mine, is the City aware of the Mines transition plan? Mayor Olsen responded that the City is aware of what the mines plans are; however, we have not seen the transition statement, though we have seen the Socioeconomic Impact Report and from that report it does not appear that the City of Mackay will have much of an impact because property for housing has been purchased in Arco and Challis. The City is working with Ryan McDermot, they will be making a presentation to the City Council at the next City Council meeting and following that will have a Town Hall Meeting. The City and the Mine are currently working together to figure out a load limit on Main Street since it is the best constructed road in Mackay. Mayor Olsen met with Ryan and two gentlemen from an Engineer firm from Boise to do a weight motion study on Main Street, starting at the Highway going to the other side of the Lost River bridge. Mike stated that the Annual BBQ was the following weekend and wanted to know if everything was ready. Mayor Olsen responded stating yes.

Bob Bagley- from Lost River Economic Development- Inquired whether there have been any leads on insulation for specific suites in the Oscar Wornek Buildings. Councilman Wall stated that the City is still working on it, he is running into the challenge of not getting calls back. Bob also inquired on possibly getting a key for the closet in the Oscar Wornek building that holds the internet equipment. Mayor Olsen thanked Bob for being willing to take on this responsibility and let him know that the Council would take it into consideration.

Hunter Diehl- Reporter from the Challis Messenger- wanted to let the Councilmembers know that he will be getting in contact with them in the next couple of weeks to do interviews for the Councils open seats.

Ben Winder- Wester States Cat- The City is interested in replacing its backhoe, Ben has brought financing documents and a sales agreement was also included in the Council's packet. Put together a proposal for a 2021 Cat 420 Backhoe, it is pretty comparable to the machine that the City currently has. The proposal is for a 5yr lease, with 3,000 hour guaranteed \$70,000 buyback option along with a governmental fail-safe warranty. This can be adjusted if needed. This machine has multiple options. This proposal is under a Government Agreement, so it is at a government rate. Mayor Olsen made a recommendation to the

Council that the City of Mackay never own another piece of heavy equipment and use the lease option. Councilman Wall suggested that there be an adjustment to the hours, rather than 3,000 hours have the agreement read 3,500 hours over 5 years. It was agreed upon the Council to have the Mayor negotiate and sign the contract for the new backhoe with Western States Cat. It is noted that the Mayor did not call for a motion as the purchase of a new backhoe had been approved by motion at a previous Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Blackwell inquired about an article that was in the newspaper about the Custer County Sherriff's Office billing the City of Challis for additional coverage at the Braun Brothers Reunion, when additional coverage was not requested by the City, what is going to come of the BBQ? Mayor Olsen stated that he did not read this in the paper; however, he did get an email from the Mayor of Challis regarding this. Mayor Olsen stated that when he met with the BBQ committee the Friday before that the City of Mackay was not going to request additional coverage for the BBQ. If the BBQ Committee wanted to go that route, they need to make sure that the Custer County Sherriff's Office was aware that it was by volunteer. Mayor Olsen stated to help with traffic control Vaden street will be blocked off and there will be parking signs set in place.

Sheriff's Report- Mayor Olsen asked if there were any questions on the Sherriff's report. Mayor Olsen stated that the report is not very beneficial, additional information is going to be requested on the reports to give a more in-depth report. No questions on the report.

Sarah Erickson- City Splash Park Follow Up- Sarah presented to the Council by phone due to illness, information on Water usage calculations. The calculations are based on these assumptions: the Splash Park would be open 7 days a week from 10 am to 5 pm for 3 summer months, this is equal to 92 days of operation. The splash pad would operate on an activator/timer box, which means that not all jets would run at the same time, this creates a 40% usage at any one time, equaling to 1,803 hours of use time. The water is calculated at 94 gallons a minute for the splash park equaling 10,170,000 gallons for the summer operating schedule. Sarah stated that the water for the Splash Park can be collected in a holding tank to use for irrigation of the park. Additionally, the Splash Park can also be designed to turn off once the allotted amount of water for the day is reached. Mayor Olsen informed the Council and Sarah of information that he received about water from splash pads/parks, after water touches the human body, it becomes sewage. This would mean the water must be treated before it can be used for irrigation and would also have to be tested daily or sent to the lagoons, which are not able to currently take this amount of water as it would exceed the lagoon capacity. There were additional discussions about the required size of the holding tank requirements being 3 times the size of the usage. Councilman Blackwell made a motion to abandon the Splash Park. Councilman Wallin seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Connection Fee Increase- Mayor Olsen informed the Council that when individuals are connecting to the Sewer, it is not just the cost of the materials and labor, but also connecting to the infrastructure. The cost of pumping the sewage to the lagoons, the cost of the electricity for the lift stations, the cost of testing the lagoons, licensing of the discharge of the sewer, and the upkeep of the sewer system. These

are just an idea of things to keep in mind when coming up with updated Sewer Connection Fee. Current Sewer Connection Fee is \$400. This item will be tabled until the next regular City Council Meeting.

Business License and Registry- Ordinance #467-It was discussed that the City of Mackay put in place a Business Registry and License for all businesses in the City, it was also suggested that all businesses would put in the type of business that they conduct. Ordinance #467 would include an annual fee of \$25. Further discussion among the Council about the Business License and Registry continued. Mayor Olsen read Ordinance #467; Councilman Wall made a motion to accept Ordinance #467. Councilman Blackwell seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

Water/Sewer 5% Rate Increase- Resolution 2021-06-Mayor Olsen presented to the Council Resolution 2021-06 a 5% Rate Increase for both Water and Sewer. According to Idaho State Law Cities can increase the rate by 5% annually without public input. Mayor Olsen read Resolution 2021-06 Water/Sewer 5% Rate Increase. Councilman Blackwell made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-06. Councilman Mangum seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tourist Park Reservation Fee Increase- Resolution 2021-07-Clerk Perez read Resolution 2021-07. There was discussion on the reservation fee of \$40 for 2 days and 2 nights with free camping for the same period (unless campsite is booked) on a first come first served basis to begin the start of next year's camping season. Councilman Blackwell made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-07 Tourist Park Reservation Fee Increase. Councilman Wall seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

ITD Airport Grant Support- Resolution 2021-08- Mayor Olsen read Resolution 2021-08 Support of ITD Airport Grant. Councilman Wall made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-08. Councilman Mangum seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

Bulk Water Rate Increase- There was discussion on waiting until the City gets a fill station to determine a rate on bulk water. The bulk water rate will be the same as the contract rate as stated in Resolution 2021-06 until further discussed.

Planning and Zoning Commission- Ordinance 424-A2- As discussed in the Special Meeting on August 25, 2021, the City Council will take over the responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Limiting B & B in Mackay- Mayor Olsen asked the council their thoughts on limiting the number of Bed and Breakfast business in the City limits. Mayor Olsen noted that several nice homes have been purchased by individuals not residing in the area and renting them out as Air B&B/B&Bs. This takes the home off the market for families wishing to relocate in Mackay and the rent money is not spent in the City. This item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Council Member Reports

Councilman Wall: O.W. Park, Industrial park- Councilman Wall attended the Lost River Highway District's meeting Wednesday night, at this meeting Konnex reached out for permission to use the portion of Smelter Avenue outside City Limits. Councilman Wall requested assistance with snow removal from Lost River Highway District, this was accepted. Councilman Wall received a request from the Lost River

Irrigation District to find out what the City's wishes were in regard to the water rights and keeping water flowing in Kids Creek. The Council had discussions about Kids Creek and flooding that has occurred in different years. Councilman Wall made a motion to keep water flowing in Kids Creek. Councilman Wallin seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Blackwell: Parks Department- Councilman Blackwell did not have anything to report.

Councilman Wallin: City Water and Sewer- Councilman Wallin reported that City employees fixed another water leak and have one more to go. Councilman Wallin reported the possibilities of raising the lagoons and the possibility of having a 3rd pond.

Councilman Mangum: Street Department and Airport- Councilman Mangum reported that the RC Airplanes event was a hit, and they are ready to come back next year.

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- ✓ Treasures report- The Treasures report was reviewed; Councilman Mangum made a motion to accept the Treasures report. Councilman Wall seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.
- ✓ Motion to pay the bills-The bills were reviewed; Councilman Blackwell made a motion to pay the bills. Councilman Mangum seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.
- ✓ Approve August 10, 2021 and August 25, 2021 Minutes- Councilman Wall made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from both the August 10th meeting and the August 25th meeting. Councilman Wallin seconded it; the motions passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Olsen presented to the Council the Yearly Savings/Expenditures for Water and Sewer for the last two years. In chlorine there was about \$150 in savings. In testing there has been a savings of about \$9,500. In test freight charges there was about a \$500 savings. In lift station electricity there was not much of a change; however, in water pump electricity there was an increase in the expenditure by about \$3,500. This increase was attributed to the extra pumping during the hot dry summer months.

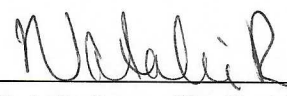
Mayor Olsen reported that with the \$400 donation from the Lion's Club the City has been able to refurbish 11 of the Christmas lighted decorations thus far. He expects all the decorations to be refurbished in the next month.

Mayor Olsen presented to the Council a contract for Drawings from Aqua Engineering Firm for inclusion in the City Standards and Specifications. The fee for these services would be \$2,000. Councilman Wall made a motion to accept the Drawings from Aqua Engineering. Councilman Walling seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Mangum. Councilman Wall seconded it; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.


Wayne Olsen, Mayor


Natalie Perez, City Clerk/Treasurer

