

Minutes
City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, March 14, 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, Greg Blackwell, Richard Mangum, Mike Foster, Vicki Wall, and Michelle Teninty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chris Harvey, Bob Bagley, Tammy Weaver and Kevin Donahue.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Harvey stated, so we have one reserve deputies, you might have seen him helping us out a little bit. That's pretty much it.

LRED

Mr. Bagley stated, Mike is in Sandy, Utah. Today they're having a Sportsman's Expo. Last year, they drew about 30,000 people to it. We have a booth and Mike will be there for four days with it. It's a great opportunity. We created a video about everything that Mackay has to offer, and also to promote the rodeo. I think Mike mentioned we've got a tourism grant some time ago as a four-part project, with deliverables, it starts out with what currently people that deal with tourism. The second thing is to look at what we anticipate happening and how we prepare for it. It's a four part situation, and we're on number three of the deliverables. Our final deliverable will be to take all that information, put it together and do a promotion, that there's a grant that comes with it has sufficient funds to really do a good job. Probably being like to three or four months left. So, we're happy to have that opportunity.

You're all aware of the new array that's coming with Kevin. Kevin asked LRED to join him and help him with marketing and promotion and odds and ends. He has space in our offices on a day-to-day basis. We can keep in touch; it's working out well.

Mike has been asked to join a special committee for the irrigation district to oversee water storage, the situations with the dam, whatever, and they're meeting once a month. That's a good committee and he's a good man to have on it.

The first event we have coming up this year is the Mother's Day craft show, which is held in the fire department. It's May 13.

Mike's also a part of attending a regional committee group that's put together to deal with the mines.

I would like the council, the committee, to consider creating an event sign or billboard like proximately, three or four by maybe six or eight feet. That would be a revolving signboard once a month. We would post the rodeo, the summer market along with the winter fest, any event that's on for the month, and I would like you all to consider and we'll pay for it, we'll put it up and whatever design that you think it should be, but we'd like to have it close to the business. I think it's good because a lot of these events like

craft shows we can put about a month ahead. They're basically eight events that we're involved with. You can approve the design of it.

In the hallway that goes into our offices. I'd like permission to put our pictures of our board of directors there, they've been framed, it would really be I think nice that the people know who on the board and what they represent.

We're going to kind of consider is if we don't do the mountain bike event, which I think we can. We can get together and talk about where if possible the new course could go. I've got a Mountain Bike guide to go with us.

I've had a couple of people that wanted to know if one of the tennis courts could be converted to pickleball courts, something to consider. If we had people playing tennis over there all the time, that would be something that we probably wouldn't want to do. But you could have one tennis court and on the other tennis court would hold pickleball. It's become a big deal.

RODEO UPDATE – KEVIN DONAHUE

Mr. Donahue stated, I think everyone knows about the PRCA rodeo now, we've gotten to the pros. They came to us two years ago, and I said no, we're not ready. Last fall, I met with them, and they agreed that they wouldn't take away from our local events. We have hometown barrel racing, the hometown team Roping to include peewee, they can't be on a circuit even in amateurs. And then of course, the rules are we've always tried to run it as a PRC event just because as it appears to me, so I know most of the rules, so that's an easy transition. With corporate sponsorships, you've got to be very careful, so we're being very careful. We're excited about getting a tremendous amount of support from out of town which is the whole idea of bringing money into town. They're coming in now; they're calling us already which to me is incredible. We're getting some recognition, which is great. So, it got us thinking you know, I think we've taken about seven years now to rebuild it. Actually, Dana had the idea that we would like to propose leasing the rodeo grounds like on a five year term retention. We already have done all rodeo ground improvements for the rodeo since we took over with redoing the broken calf roping boxes weren't up to regulation. This year we're going to rebuild the announcer stand to fit at least three people because you have to have a PRCA announcer and sound man. There's no way to get that many people up there. We're going to we need to build some more holding pens, because we've been using two semi-trailers and panels to hold the stock. So we were thinking if we could get a lease from you guys and bring even more events. The reason we're seeing that is I can bring in team roping, I was talking to the mayor about this. I was shocked how much money these guys spent in a town. They're all going to go uptown, they're going to eat, they're going to drink, they're going to go get fuel. If you would allow us to do that, at least where we're doing more than just the high school rodeo, the mini rodeo, we'd be using, utilizing rodeo grounds more to its potential. We're going to be making all the improvements and what I'm thinking is we do want part of the proceeds to go to Rodeo ground improvements, but we'll do the work, we're just going to make it better. Right now, we're going to redo the bleachers, I think we've come up with an idea of finally that it's going to work, because they're pretty old, a lot of splinters, we're going to use belt sanders, this spring and build regulation steps, and a handrail with a banister, so you can use it on both sides. If we can bring more money into town is basically the idea, and that will help us rebuild the rodeo grounds to what I think it needs to be. We're going to try to work on a grant and get new bleachers and we're going for VIP. We've got a big screen TV, we haven't gotten televised yet, but we are working on it. I think if not this year, we will be next year. So I mean, it's going to bring so much exposure to us. And then we do a bunch of these pro team roping's or other events. You know, somebody has a suggestion, we're open to it. You guys are going to know what I'm doing. No matter what happens. Even concerts, I mean, anything that's going to generate, we've got the stands, we got the facilities, we have the bathrooms, the parking,

I'm going to have designated parking this year. I've got the football team in Arco, we're going to pay them to do designated parking, we're approaching that we need to be organized. We just want to take it to the next level. And if we can do that, obviously we will get you know more liability insurance. That's what we need to do. Whatever requirements city we just think we can do more. And that's what we'd like to do.

Mayor Olsen answered, I would suggest we do the same thing that we do with the visitor Park. I based it on the business parks lease agreement. I had two areas of concern. One is we have the biker rodeo. So, I put a caveat in the contract that we had discussed, that we would still have access to the facilities scheduled around his events. The other concern I had was we charge a square foot fee for the business park. And it's used all the time. And I would throw out a percentage of net fee per event for the rent of the facility.

Councilman Foster said, I think what Kevin's proposing is basically, a nonprofit organization. That facility, which I would argue is the most underutilized facility that Mackay has. I personally think at least for this initial lease, three years, five years, whatever that no fee is needed. We certainly recognize the biker rodeo and allow for that, but if Kevin is willing to take on the maintenance and the oversight and the upkeep, I think the City is coming out very well with an agreement like that, and it benefits them. So, I don't think a fee, or a percentage is warranted at this time. Five years down the road. If it starts getting really big, that nonprofit becomes very profitable, when it gets big enough to where you're farming that out to other individuals and it becomes a business.

Councilman Mangum said, I heard a rumor that the band, street party or street celebration was going to be held down there.

Mr. Donahue answered, we're talking about it, because the Mackay Rodeo Association pays for the bands and the stage. It's another \$10,000, and I have to get sponsorship to pay for that, which creates economic opportunities for uptown. So, we are bouncing that around because at some point, we need to be able to pay for those bands and the whole idea is to keep the economics here. We've already got what I call our bases that people have sponsored us all these years, but it's going to take \$100,000. Two years ago. It's Friday Night Lights, we bring out the lights. That's another \$10,000 bill for all the equipment, and so the town has their bands, bars and doing good. We're not taking away from the bars. I mean, we're not trying to. This is a big load, and it's all volunteer. And I'm trying to figure out how can I take some load off me, because there's only three directors. And one of them doesn't live here. It's just me and Dana and Matt. And so it's a tremendous amount of work. So that's why we're kicking it around. The last two years, I came to the City Council and to the sheriff's department to allow them to sell beer on the street and have the street dance. You know, I mean, so I'm giving a lot. We need to try to help ourselves a little bit as well. They put up tables out here and chairs, we have bleachers. It's a family event, we promote family, we don't promote fighting. We're going to have eight security guards here during these events. But I mean, we are bringing a tremendous amount of volume in here without the band's, but at some point, we have to have somebody help. It's hard when asked for that much money for a town of 500. We're bringing the concerts in, which we've always done. And that's my other argument, we have paid for this for seven years, and we're still going to pay for it. So I just feel like it's not fair to us to keep footing the bill without the support. We're not trying to step on anybody's toes. My argument, one of the bars last year, didn't even sponsor, they might make \$10 to \$12,000, so it's hard for me, and so you didn't even sponsor but you're going to complain?

Mayor Olsen stated, one of the reasons that I told Kevin that I supported this is that the City doesn't have the money to put into that facility, and that's why it's in the state it's in. And it's in a better state than it would have been, had the Rodeo Association and high school rodeo not got grants and put labor and money into it. So with us saying, Yeah, here it is, you maintain it for the City for and in behalf of the City.

Any events other than the City sponsored events Absolutely. You can charge whatever you want. But we don't lose the arena.

Mr. Donahue responded, yeah, I mean, the more improvements we make, the better the facility is, the more people are going to want to come, because we're all humans. And when you see a really shoddy place, I don't really want to go and rodeo, but you see really nice paint, a nice arena and like, dang, there's an event going on here. I think it's going to grow more. So I mean, these things that we're bringing, if people will try to look this way they should. Okay, you worried about that the band's not right there. But what about all the other weekends we're coming with? I do understand concerns, but at the same time, we're paying for everything. I don't think it's fair for us to not at least have some of it going towards us helping. Again.

Councilman Foster said, I think everybody's expressed their concerns, and I would leave it at that with the caveat that we make sure the lease agreement is worked out between Kevin and you Wayne and perhaps I would see this being reviewed by an attorney just given the opportunity for somebody to get hurt, either at the event or at the grounds or whatever.

Mayor Olsen replied, he's reviewed the basic one, but I'll send this one as well.

Councilman Foster made a motion to lease the rodeo arena facilities to Mackay Rodeo Association. Councilman Mangum seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Wall said, I really I hope that we can get a new dentist in here and hopefully we can do what we can to help out but after reading this, you know six months to a year and I don't know if we go the full year at this rate that puts us in the middle of the winter they call up in December, January oh we can't find a dentist and we got a building trying to get rented. I think we need to review it and six months with them and see how they feel. I think if they say you know we just haven't had a nice prospect for a dentist coming to Mackay I think we need to have the opportunity of trying to get it rented for the winter season. In my opinion on the building is I don't know that we can go a full year holding it with them at that rate. If we can get a dentists in here that's great, but we have to represent theCity too.

The other thing that got notified today, that we're trying to work that out with the renter of the fitness center, and the agreement was he supposed to be paying the cleaning person to clean the building, and I found out today, he's not paid her, as of today. So they put a note back to him, You've got to get this paid, or we're going to have to resend his contract, change the rent on his contract, and then we'll pay the cleaning person. Because it's not fair for her to be cleaning that place, and not getting paid.

The other thing I got, I'm so overwhelmed with the winter, and everybody is overwhelmed with winter. And I know that today, our guys, we've had a lot of problems with a lot of things. So I'm just passing that on. As soon as Mother Nature breaks, if we can get the Christmas decorations down, I'll quit getting Flack. And I tell people, hey, this winter is the winter from heck. Believe me, I am 100% behind the crew, because I am the same way. I've got stuff I can't get done because all I'm doing is chases snow. So it's on the list. If we need to find some other extra help, or whatever, maybe we can work that.

Just to pass on to the other council. The guys, I've had some couple of things that come up, I've actually just went and asked, hey, can you address these issues with some flooding and some snow removal, and they've been right on it and help it just things come up. They're doing the best that they can do with what

we got and I just want to pass on how helpful they are and how good the guys are trying to do everything they can.

Councilman Blackwell stated, I do not have anything.

Mayor Olsen responded, the crew mentioned that they want to get ahead of the duck weed in the pond, so they may be talking to you about getting that sprayed. When they did the dredging with the bucket that seemed to take care of part of it. And they're still waiting for some estimates back on the UV system, I did get the information that I can update us on items of interest from the staff meeting. That T chlorine comes in 15-gallon jugs. And it's \$75 plus \$220 deposit on the container. The SBS D-chlore is in 15-gallon jugs is \$180 plus \$200 deposit on the container. And so in the period that they are doing this, it's about \$100. There's \$240 for freight on that, because it's a hazardous material and they even charge on the empties going back. So, the total costs through these past winter months is \$8,520

Councilman Mangun said, I don't have a whole lot, but to remind everybody that apparently our playground equipment can be shipped tentatively on the 15th of this month.

Councilman Foster stated, just a couple of minor things. I did talk to the P&Z committee and they are willing to start looking at the P&Z Ordinance. Michelle, when you get time, could you make four copies of the comprehensive plan? Because each of them will need a copy of that to go through. I talked to Ken and they're going to get started sometime on that.

I checked on the summer help, and I don't have an answer. The one emailed me back and said, I'll get back with you, Mike, I think I'm interested. That was Sunday. And I haven't heard from the other one. Rylan might be interested, I'm sure he's at school and busy.

Mayor Olsen added, I approached Duane about lawn mowing, and I sent you, his response. No. He says we have got too much to do. And I've got too much experience to take away from Chardon, and I don't want to spend it sitting on a lawn mower. He says I understand where they're coming from, do they think I'm not healthy enough to do the job? I told him no; they were just trying to make it easy. And he says, well, I don't want to make it easy.

Councilman Foster replied, I would like to discuss it more. But I think it needs to be done in the executive session. And obviously, we can't do it tonight. So maybe next month. I'm going to pick my words carefully, since we're not in executive session. I'm concerned that at least for my understanding, I'm hearing two different things. Does that cover it? I mean, I'm hearing that one breath that there's a need that's not being met? And I'm hearing in another breath, no, we got too much to do.

Mayor Olsen responded, "No, he said he wants to keep the job that he has. He does not want to mow, and if we're hiring somebody else they can help.

Councilman Foster stated, I don't think it's right to discuss it in an open meeting when it deals with personnel. That's to be done in an Executive Session.

I touched base with Dean since he has roads, I think when the crew gets a little break or needs a change of pace, maybe to look down at the end of Larter and Green Street the way the snow was, it's accumulating there. I think they're going to have to take maybe a backhoe or a loader down there, push some of that snow to the east. And that's probably all we can do right now. And then when summer gets here, we really need to take a look at that fire hydrant situation. We have a mountain of dirt on each end of the road and that really big mound of sand to the point that it's coming up the road, and at least one person is plowing Larter himself. Although the crew has come there and done it a couple of times, but

he's trying to keep up with it. And he's pushing it all the way up Larter across College, because they're just running out of room there.

And the last thing I got Michelle, I followed up and apparently she was nice enough to run down in regards to volunteers in the City using them. And as I understood it, and when you correct me or Michelle or Vicki, if you've seen it is it's an option. They're covered by ICRMP. If they're truly a volunteer, what I would suggest is that we get a form, that the volunteer signs, that kind of lays out you're covered with this, you're not covered with this, this and this. And then if we choose to use a volunteer the system will be in place. And that might be a path forward as we look about right now when the crews overloaded if we do have people that are capable that are willing to volunteer for the City from taking down the light stuff.

FIVE MINUTE RECESS 7:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:35 PM

TREASURERS REPORTS

Clerk Teninty said, the budget to actuals report, is actually the quarterly report. It's through February and you all seemed happy with it at the last meeting so if that's all you want, I'll just continue giving you that, just let me know.

Councilman Mangum made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Councilman Wall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wall made a motion to pay bills. Councilman Blackwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Councilman Blackwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Olsen asked, do you have any questions for me to start with? I've sent out reports for items of interest from the last two City staff meetings. In your packet there is the assignment sheet that everybody's working on, so you can see how that's changing. Some of the things will stay on there for quite a while because we just don't get time to get to them but we put them there so that we don't forget that we need to do.

I discussed several things with Kelvin, one of them was the sale of Proud Source Water, and if you didn't know, Proud Source Water is now owned by Source Global. He couldn't make it to this meeting tonight but said he would come to the next City Council meeting and tell us all about it. So Proud Source is not going to change. They just have somebody else that writes the checks really.

I did put in there that we got a \$15,000 maintenance service check from Proud Source, and that can only be spent in the sewer and water arena. So we could apply that to some of the things that we're looking at. That's on our list. Chardon and Duane didn't get a chance to go down and pull the pump on the lift station to see why it was running a little weird. They said one of the things that they really need down there that we've never had, and they don't know why we've never had it, is a grinder to process everything. Because sometimes all it takes is a napkin to get in the pump and impellers and it slows them down.

The other thing I was talking with Kelvin about is he wanted me to express to the clerk's and to the Council that he is not responsible for any snow removal down on Trego and Burnett Courts, in that edition. He did not buy the addition, he bought lots just like everybody else down there, and he built on

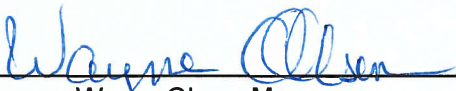
those lots. So, I suggested to him that they form a homeowner's association and pay somebody to plow. He said that he didn't think they did because nobody's asked him to join.

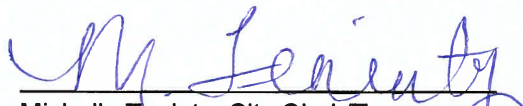
Councilman Wall added, I think one's there but it's dormant. I think one of the other members said that they found it.

Mayor Olsen continued, another conversation that I had. Just a little while before meeting, TD Riddle has bought Steve Marinac's RV park that's on White Knob, and he wants to develop it more, an additional eight, I think spaces. So, the first thing I told him he needed to do was, go on the internet and look up the requirements that the State had for RV parks. Because the development would have to meet those requirements. And he needed to present to the City a development plan, which would include the impact how much water he's going to use and how much sewer capacity he's going to need. And talking about that at our staff meeting this morning, the lift station that's over there on Willow doesn't have the capacity to put anymore on. It would have to be upgraded, and I didn't talk to him about the lift station.

ADJOURN

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM


Wayne Olsen, Mayor


Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer

