

Minutes
City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, April 11, 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

Mike and Miranda Evans, Doug Hammond, Walt Hamby, Bob Bagley, Tammy Weaver, Chardon Hartley. No comments from visitors.

PROUD SOURCE SALE– KELVIN KROSCH

No Show

UV SYSTEM – CHARDON HARTLEY

I got one bid so far; we're going to get bids from three companies. That's the minimum we can do. I talked to Jared Gunderson, you guys said you'd like to talk to him. He wants to come down and try to do a working meeting. He has some input he wants to add because some of the rules are changing so much. One of the biggest things is we're actually going to have to start sampling for copper. So that's going to be a game changer. Another thing that we've been looking at is obviously costs. Over the winter months, we're looking at \$8,520 operating costs through wintertime. That's just chlorine. Then the T-Chlor or D-Chlor that you'd have to do before you discharge it back into the river. That includes both yet. So operating cost, we have about four 15-gallon pails that we go through a month. So, you're looking at around \$380, just in T-Chlor, so chlorination, and D-Chlor, that's \$800 a month. So then combine those together, then shipping is what's really killing us. It's a hazardous material, so it's \$240 to get here \$240 to take the container back. So that's an average monthly cost. The biggest thing I'm worried about is we are having a hard time finding it. Luckily, I got ahead of the ball, and we've got enough material to get us through the season. But it's getting harder and harder to find and the cost, they're giving quotes on it daily right now because it's changing so much. What we use comes all the way out of Utah, Salt Lake. It's a special shipment that comes into Twin Falls and from there it comes to us, and that's one of the biggest hurdles we're up against right now.

As far as the operation costs of a UV system are concerned, you're looking at power, and that's what the bulbs are. Jared said they're like 20 bucks apiece, even if they're 250 bucks apiece, and you change about once a year, that's super cheap. As far as facility planning is concerned, it's going to be more important than we realize. That's some of the stuff that we'd like to go over with you guys, show you what's changing. As far as DEQ and EPA, they are starting to really tighten down. They're trying to get rid of people discharging in rivers, but you still have to run it

through a UV system before you can even discharge it to land application. Right now, our ammonias are good, obviously, they're going to go up.

Our UV system, the motherboards and the transformers that are in what we have now, you can't find those parts. They're all soldered together, and I've tried to get it to where I could use it, I don't think it's going to happen. Some of the parts of the motherboard are set down inside and they're all rotten and it was full of dirt. We'll have to build a structure to put it in. The flow has enough heat because the water has got so much temperature and we don't have to discharge in the summer.

The second thing's going to be evaporation. I'd like to get a sprinkler system to help with that. We already have the estimation done.

Mayor Olsen added, if we can get two more bids, then we could choose, and we don't have to necessarily go with a low bidder, because there are not very many companies that do this. And if they don't want to bid on it, we can declare it as a sole source procurement. One of the things that would justify that sole source would be the lack of companies that are doing them. If the Council chooses to go with Dr. Pipeline, that's another point that we could put in the sole source justification because we have done business with Dr. Pipeline in the past and they have done a good job for us.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – WALT HAMBY

Mr. Hamby said, I'd like to thank City manager for help over the last two to three weeks. We ran out of propane; he helped us get to the tank, helped us remove some snow and also he helped us get down that door cover. Several months ago, I received a call from a gentleman from the Idaho Freemason Foundation, out of Boise. He told me about grants that they give out to the communities or basically they give it to the lodge, and we apply it to something that helps the community and especially children. We found out we have in this playground equipment was ordered and was coming. And I thought why can't we do something like that? So we applied for a matching grant. They give a maximum of \$500 to the Masonic Lodge, Mount McCaleb, number 64, here in Mackay, is giving out another 500. We don't have it all tonight. But we'd like to present to the community and the Council \$1,000 to help install the playground equipment.

RODEO LEASE

Councilman Foster asked, do we need to include concerts associated with the previously mentioned activities where it lists out all the livestock activities? It would be number 13. As I recall, Kevin was interested in having concerts down there during at least the rodeo and perhaps some of the team roping. Then item number 14, where he talks about all alterations, additions, or improvements made by the permittee shall be accomplished using licensed contractors, I would suggest that after shall be accomplished, to insert the wording, by using licensed contractors. I think Kevin is capable of doing that in a professional manner, as opposed to having somebody with a Public Works license go in and doing that.

Mayor Olsen said, "I see where you're coming from, but I don't think the City can waive that anybody that does a structure that's on City property either has to be a licensed contractor or an employee of the City.

Councilman Mangum added, I think you're absolutely right on that.

Councilman Foster said, that might create a real problem because of the expense involved. I mean, if he wants to go down there, and do carpentry work, or paint or whatever is the person instead of having volunteers, you had to have somebody with a Public Works license to do it?

Mayor Olsen responded, or they have to be under the direction of a City employee.

Councilman Blackwell added, I say we let him decide what he wants to do.

Mayor Olsen said, "So I would be willing to say, using licensed contractors or under the direction of a designated City employee.

Councilman Wall added, the only change I have is on the utilities, number 11. Because we are the owners, the power company is not going to change the power to him, we're going to have to pay it. And that that's just how it's set up with the co-op. And I mean, it shouldn't have to cost the City. But we've got other functions going on there. It's probably just as easy because I think we're guaranteed \$400 a year, and they're probably not meeting that demand. And the Rodeo Association, the biker rodeo, the fair. If we kind of spread it around those functions, it's best, probably the City just pays the power.

Mayor Olsen added, my concern about the City being solely responsible for the electricity is if they have a concert a week or they have an event a week, does the City want to pay for all the other events? They used to have a demolition derby and what if he doesn't decide to bring in a generator for the night rodeo and he wants them hooked up to the power?

Councilman Blackwell added, the only true way to make it fair is to put a tenant meter on it. We put a tenant meter on it, and then make sure that it's read before any of these events.

Mayor Olsen read; the City of Mackay will provide electricity up to the demand charge from the Lost River Electric Corporation. Okay, we're all in favor? Okay. Any other? Then I would like a motion to provide this use agreement for the rodeo arena to Kevin Donohue and for his attorney for further review and comment.

Councilman Wall made the motion. Councilman Blackwell seconded. Passed unanimously.

LRED

Mr. Bagley started, at the last meeting, I proposed that we create and construct for the City's approval, an event signboard which will be approximately four by eight or four by 10 in the area of the business park, and we would post monthly banners advertising events, continually rotating. I recall that everyone was kind of in agreement with that. And unless there's any other questions or suggestions, I'd like a motion that we could proceed with that, I think it'd be a real help for our events. I see it as a size approximately four by 10. Because that's the size of what we've been putting up in most places, when we do banners. And I would suggest the most expeditious we can do it. We would underwrite the expense of it. Four by four posts in the frame, but something that you would approve of before we did it, and we'd maintain it. I think is the least expensive, and it has the most impact. The biggest thing is, I think the signs should be big

enough. We have Winterfest, number one, we have Christmas bazaar number two. Mike and I are trying to figure out a way to get more so we have a pretty good rotation. I can't guarantee that we're going to have all events, but that's our target would be to do that.

Councilman Foster asked, can you come back? Can we approve the concept and then you come back with a design?

Councilman Wall said, I'll make a motion that you meet with the State get their approval and then come back to us with the design of the sign size and design. Councilman Blackwell seconded. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Evans added, we have four grants in the works right now. The first rural development one, we're in the last phase on that. A CHC spring 23 grant that Bob had submitted. A follow on to that first rural development grant, that second grant will be an implementation plan, which is laying out a marketing approach. And a scenic byway grant, that could be a big deal for us. So, what's going on in our world is we're still working on a corporate funding package so that we can have an operating budget for our organization. We are working closely with Kevin with the Mackay rodeo; we're trying to facilitate his marketing and make sure this comes off with success. We are involved with the Lost River Irrigation District, a member of the special committee on the reservoir. From an economic development standpoint, there's some stuff going on with grants on the reservoir that may impact the community. A relatively new area that we have been involved in is the Colorado School of Mines which has a federal grant. They're working with central Idaho mines and communities to bring them together. We meet weekly with them. Stanley, Challis, Salmon, and Mackay are the main players right now. K-Kat meeting, we have one coming up in May. We have a scholarship program going. Today might be the last day for high school seniors to apply for it. It's a \$1,000 scholarship. They had three they were going to put out. So that's what the team's doing. Some informational items this summer, Butte County Economic Development Executive Director has resigned and so there's a there's a vacancy there. I'm sure you guys know Proud Source has been acquired by Source Global. Kelvin was supposed to be here talking about the future plans. First week in May, we have the spring Economic Development Association conference in Burley. We met with the Cecil's for the Mackay summer market 2023. It sounds like it'd be similar to last year. Mackay theater, again this is under the Cecil's, they're pursuing a heritage grant for their facility. This came in at the last minute, there's going to be a video shoot on June 6. It's a scenic byway grant. That's all I have.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

We had one incident there. Any questions? There were no questions.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Wall

I don't have too much tonight. The Business Park is going to be in need of rain gutters this year. Mother Nature didn't like the ones that were there in a couple of places and removed them along with some snow. I don't know if we've had any roof damage, we'll find out after the snow is gone. The other thing is our streets. Mother Nature not being very cooperative with the streets either. I

don't know what we're going to do as far as repairs as far as patching, but we're going to have to address the streets. That's all I've got.

Councilman Blackwell

I don't have much either. I looked into this FEMA grant for the generator. This thing is confusing, I was reaching out to Kristin. I just haven't heard back from her yet, I was hoping that she'd be able to shed some light on this if she knows anything about it. The Governor is releasing a lot of money to water and sewer. So maybe we can get our hands on that for the UV and the generator. That's all.

Councilman Mangum

I don't have a lot, I never asked when the playground equipment came in. And maybe as soon as we start seeing some grass shown up, we might start when we put it in. One of the line crew for Lost River electric asked if they could help. I think the first thing would be putting in the support structure for those big pipes, and if we could get them to come over with an auger, drill down and then we can pour concrete around them. That's all I have.

Councilman Foster

First is the result of the conversation I had with the Mayor this morning, that started on Keller's wastewater report and all the things that they felt needed addressed. And it escalated into the merits of developing a five-year plan. What I suggested to Wayne and Chardon was, we've got a number of very expensive things that we need and what is our number one priority? Those large ticket items that we feel need to be addressed, prioritize them, and create a spreadsheet where we can track them as we accomplish things. So that's a proposal I would like to throw out, see if the Council agrees. I think we ought to include streets, parks and recreation, and water and sewer. What's the Council think? Great.

I would suggest we do a five year to start with. And when this is approved, we would draft an ordinance accepting a five-year plan.

We talked about summer help, did we ever come to a closure on that position?

I will put something together that we can hang in the post office and post here on our bulletin board and put it out on Mayor's Facebook page.

TREASURERS REPORTS

Clerk Teninty asked, did you guys have a chance to look over the budget or the numbers? Do you have any questions? The extra document is the bank account balances just so you can see how much money we have.

Mayor Olsen said, we're going to need a motion to pay the bills. Councilman Wall motioned to pay bills, Councilman Mangum seconded, Motion approved.

Mayor Olsen stated, I need a motion for the treasurer's reports. Councilman Wall motioned to approve the treasurers report, Councilman Mangum seconded, Motion approved.

Councilman Mangum motioned to approve the 3/6/23 and 3/14/23 meeting minutes. Councilman Foster seconded; Motion approved.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Olsen said, we've already discussed the hiring of the person, the other thing I want to discuss is the bridge on Capitol Avenue that goes over kids Creek. Ken Kanownik is the guy that's in charge of this project, they have put together the engineers and grouped them. Keller and associates are designing our bridge. I have talked with the engineer from Keller, he will be up to take some measurements and stuff when the snow is gone, and then they will start working on the design for the bridge. I made it perfectly clear that that's a one lane bridge and that it's very much used in summer and fall because it's the golf course bridge, it's the rodeo grounds bridge, it's the Tourist Park bridge and it's private residence bridge and in their design they've got to come up with a way to keep traffic moving and not hold it up for long periods of time so when I find anything else out Dean I'll give you a call and let you know when he's coming. I'm sorry to say that the bathroom cleaning and business park building with Lost River fitness is not working. Our cleaning person is not getting paid. I think we have grounds to declare their contract null and void because they have breached it. Right now, if we declare his contract null and void, because he breached the contract, then he has a month-to-month contract until he can come up with a contract. And his rent has got to be increased, because that was the reason for him cleaning that restroom. From what I hear that restroom the men's room particularly is atrocious. I will draft a letter telling him because he has failed to meet his agreement. Now, does the Council agree with me that his contract has been breached?

Councilman Wall made a motion to declare LRFC contract breached, Councilman Blackwell seconded, Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 (B) TO CONSIDER THE EVALUATION, DISMISSAL OR DISCIPLINING OF, OR TO HEAR COMPLAINTS OR CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST, A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL AGENT, OR PUBLIC-SCHOOL STUDENT

Mayor Olsen said, "I would like a motion to go into executive session." Councilman Foster made the motion, Councilman Wall seconded. Motion passed. Entered into executive session.

ADJOURN

Councilman Mangum motioned to adjourn, Councilman Wall seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM



Wayne Olsen, Mayor



Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer