

City of Mackay

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, June 13, 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, Richard Mangum, Mike Foster, and Michelle Teninty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Shirley Olsen, Tammy Weaver, Karen Hames, William Erickson, Jake Tracy, Al Krause and David Barnhard.

Mayor Olsen started, I would like to take care of some City business before we go on. At the last Council meeting, as you recall, we had the resignation of Mr. Blackwell, who resigned due to health problems. And according to the Idaho code, it is my responsibility to submit to the City Council the individuals' name that I think would fit well on the Council. And with that in mind, I would like to present to you, Karen Hames, to fill that Council position. Karen is well known in our community, if there's an event going on, she's either supporting it or sponsoring it. She's always got Mackay in mind. I think that might come from the fact that her ancestors settled this country. And so, I would present her name and open up for discussion. If there is no discussion, I would like a motion to see Karen appointed for the remainder of the position for the Council seat vacated by Greg Blackwell.

Councilman Foster made a motion to approve Karen Hames for the vacated Councilman seat. Councilman Mangum seconded, Passed unanimously.

Mayor Olsen replied, with that piece of business taking place, I would ask that Karen step forward and the clerk will read you the oath of office.

Clerk Teninty said, hold up your right hand and repeat after me, Clerk Teninty read the oath of office for a Council member, Mrs. Hames repeated the oath.

Mayor Olsen welcomed Karen to the council, then said, I'd like to recognize the visitors. And if there are any of you that would like to address the Council at this time. I would give you three minutes.

Mr. Krause said, a few meetings ago, it was mentioned at the sheriff's report, something about flashing speed limit signs or warning signs going up on Main Street? I was wondering what the status of that, in the last 45 days, twice, people have been speeding down Main Street, not paying attention. I think it's an accident waiting to happen. I would suggest the Counsel look at maybe putting a four way stop there at the corner of Ivie's.

Mayor Olsen asked, anybody on the Council like to address that? The status is we'll take it under advisement for the stop signs. But those flashing speed limit signs cost \$6,000 A piece and we just can't afford it, I'm sorry.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mayor Olsen said, you've got the sheriff's report and the incident report, take a few minutes and look at those to see if there's any questions that we need to talk with Chris about. After a short while Mayor Olsen said, Let the minutes show that we've reviewed the report and there were no comments or questions.

JOHN ERICKSON FOR JAKE TRACY – ROSE AVE LOT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Tracy said, I submitted a proposed variance like we talked about last month on the four lots moving them to six lots. The code that we're needing the variance from has minimum lot requirements in the City of 5000 square feet by moving to six lots. each individual lot will be 4, 750 square feet so, 250 feet under. I won't have any issues with the size as the home's, I want to build on here meeting the 40%, green space or setback requirements, side rear in front, the corner lot will be a little more difficult, I may have to go vertical on that one a two story just because it's a corner lot. It's 250 square feet short of sitting minimum, which is a 5% variance is what we're looking for, to move to this route as of this point, and you guys can tell me if we're off track here, but we need to make sure that we're going along the right track getting approval of a variance. So, I can go ahead and have the engineer finalize the sewer line, provide engineering for that for you guys, additional surveying, and then additional survey on top of that, and then my survey would be approval, set all the pins on each follow ups versus you know, how they were. So okay, to proceed with amending the plat.

Mayor Olsen responded, that's not something we can give. That has to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission first. So, with this information that we have been presented with, along with the drawings needs to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. And that probably will take a public hearing as well. Because we're issuing a variance, so that will be up to them. If they hold hearings. I would suggest that when you submit this to Planning and Zoning that it falls under the category of a development. Because we also need to know how much water and how much sewage capacity, we're going to increase by splitting these lots. Look at ordinance 424 and go to the development section and comply with the requirements of the development section. So, when you go to Planning and Zoning, they're going to ask you this the same questions. And they're going to come back to the Council and they're going to ask the Council, do we have the capacity in the sewer and water services system to meet this?

Mr. Tracy responded, my big thing in today's world, everywhere, East Idaho, I can't build a home for under \$300,000. So, my kids, their first homes are going to be multifamily townhomes. You know, that's the only thing you can afford for under \$300,000. So, we got to be creative, going in anywhere and everywhere we can. And when I saw this in Mackay I thought, you know, there's smaller lots. But if there's young kids who want to stay here, if there's folks that need a

second home, I can keep the smaller lot, the more I can spread that cost out and land cost is your most expensive cost upfront. So, five is doable, without a doubt. Just hoping for six.

DAVID BARNHARD – RODEO ROAD

Mr. Barnhard said, hello everybody, I'd like to come forward as being a member of the County Fair Board. To get to the fairgrounds, we have to go through the City Rodeo Grounds, the condition of the road down there, after you leave the pavement, is in very seriously bad condition, probably more than I've ever seen it, all the years I've lived here. Now that being said, it's gotten a little better, but I think there's been enough traffic down there. But that still doesn't mean that we don't need to look to get it fixed. After my Fair Board meeting last night, we got a County Commissioner to come to the meeting and found out that it looks like they've come to an agreement of some kind with Lost River Highway District to continue with the road that we had been trying to work on for years. The only thing that was asked of anything from somebody, whoever that was going to be, was \$1,800 to cover the mag chloride. So, I brought that to the Mayor, and he told me was that all the money was spent to plow snow and we weren't going to do anything down there, but the only place we need to put the mag chloride, is from the gate to the roping shoots. We're not asking them to grade or maintain or do anything with the access beyond that, because that's just over the parking area.

Mayor Olsen said, I would suggest to the Council, that when this road is moved and put in that it's added to the pavement schedule, because it will be the only gravel road in the City limits.

PURCHASE UV SYSTEM FOR WASTEWATER LAGOONS

Mayor Olsen said, we have an estimate in here from Dr. Pipeline, and Chardon contacted everybody that did that kind of work, and nobody was interested in submitting a bid to come up here and do that. With that in mind, I would like the minutes to show you that I recommend to the Council that we do a sole source justification in accordance with the federal procurement laws. Which means we have solicited bids, we got one, we went out and tried to get others, we were unsuccessful. We have done business with Dr. Pipeline in the past, their work has been good and satisfactory. We have no problems with going with them again. And we need the system. So that would complete the justification to go. The other thing is Chardon told me, he talked to the guy at Docker pipeline yesterday. And if we order it tomorrow, it's 12 weeks before he can get it.

Councilman Foster stated, my concern is, I could easily see this hit 100 grand, I'm not saying we don't need it. I'm just trying to figure out how we're going to pay for this. I don't want to get a partial product, the structure, the electrical, any plumbing work that needs done.

INSTALL NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mayor Olsen said, make sure that the minutes show that Karen's been assigned to help Richard with Parks and Recreation and help install the new playground equipment. This is purchased and it's sitting in the hanger over at the airport.

We need to go lay out where it's going to be, we need to clear off the ground, redo the sprinkler system. With the weather, the parks there, you know, we're behind with everything. The rodeo this weekend, and then we have the Fourth of July, I would say this needs to be put on hold until July, middle of July. Maybe things will dry out and the City crew can get caught up with everything that we're behind on.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

Mayor Olsen reported, Wendell, got the electricity restored to the park. It fried itself. So the electricity is back on. Nothing else to report on the five year plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

DEAN WALL

Councilman Wall said, somehow we need to come up with some money to buy patching material, because we're down to one pallet. The next thing that I just checked, Freddie from the tire shop contacted me today and wanted to know about the possibility of working something out to use the airport hangar for his tire shop for a little foreseeable future. I told him there's no room for anything in there. One thought that I had said that if we you know, get the playground equipment out of there, and then get rid of all the sand bags, if we propose to him that he frame the front end and put an overhead door in it and he could use it for a year or two for putting a door on it a usable roll up door.

Mayor Olsen responded, the City staff will be screaming mad. They are looking for a place to park some more of the equipment to get it out of the weather, the reason that they haven't done it now is because they can't because of the bags were in there, if they were out, they would have probably parked a little dump truck in there.

Councilman Wall continued, the next thing I have, I did meet with the gentleman that come up with replacing the gutters at the business park replacing repairing or others that we've got, which I had two other people look at it, the gutters on the building got to go away, they're big, they're outdated, and so they want to go with the new seamless gutter system they're going to putting a price together to put new gutters on the building replace the snow brakes on the roof that are no longer there. I've got mixed emotions about snow brakes, but they have to be up there for liability and safety over the doorways and entryways, we don't have a choice. Hopefully I have an estimate next month. The only other thing that I have is, and I meant to call you this morning and asked if the crew can barricade Main Street off for the parade. If I can get the barricades from the crew, they can just bring the barricades up.

Mayor Olsen replied, we talked about that this morning. Just tell Chardon where you want them.

RICHARD MANGUM

Councilman Mangum said, We already talked about the playground equipment, So, the other issue would be the Tourist Park, that's in preparation for the rodeo and for campers

Mayor Olsen responded, Eric has been down there. He was mowing again today, I think. He rebuilt the lawn mower. So, Chardon, Duane and him went through it, they ordered the parts. Dwayne says it is running fantastic, It's like a new one.

MIKE FOSTER

Councilman Foster said, couple of things, If the City crew could hit the worst parts of the airport to get the gravel off. The other thing I wanted to bring up was, I really think we need to get on the City crew list, fixing that water line between Green and Larder and getting that fire hydrant fixed. The last thing I have deals with the airport. I don't remember how many years ago we signed a lease with Salmon River Propane to use that ground down there.

Mayor Olsen asked clerk Teninty, have you gotten any checks or anything from them?

Clerk Teninty replied, No. That wasn't even on my radar. Vicki and I can look through the minutes to see if we can find anything.

TREASURERS REPORT

Clerk Teninty said, I fixed the street budget, I pulled out the money that was put in from last year. It was confusing. But anyway, it's good right now. We've overspent the street fund by \$1,369.32 or 7%.

Councilman Wall motioned to approve the treasurers report, Councilman Mangum seconded. Motion passed.

Councilman Wall motioned to pay the bills, Councilwoman Hames seconded. Motion passed.

Councilman Wall motioned to approve the meeting minutes for 4/11/23 and special meeting minutes from 5/9. Councilman Foster seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor Olsen said, let the minutes show that these building permits were submitted by the commission for Council approval. Dean Wall made a motion to approve the building permit for John Yost and the Historical Society. Councilman Foster seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Olsen stated the power is ready for turn on following the Lost River electric inspection at Tank Park. So, we're just waiting for Bo to go over and do their inspection, and then they'll turn the power on and then they will put in the new pump meter for that well. Wendell has already come in this afternoon with his bill and he's already turned the power on for the lagoon sprinkler and tested out the pump so that sprinkler is ready to start sprinkling the water over the ponds to aid in evaporation. So, I've already talked about the Cat people being here to work on the Cat Tractor today. And we've talked about pothole repairing being very unsuccessful, It's just too wet. I loaned the City my 18 foot Car Hauler trailer and Chardon is taking it and his pickup and going to Jerome to pick up the new snowplow. It's new to us. And he picked it up on an auction

for \$1,550. And it replaces the one that we wore out and broke and can't repair that was on the truck that we bought ~8 years ago, used. Chardon saved the City probably close to \$10/\$12,000. And he said this will work on our truck. I've had some questions about the mosquito district. Does he have a schedule for spraying?

Councilman Wall answered, Not a schedule just spray when people request them.

Mayor Olsen said, that's what we were afraid of. Would you ask your board that the City requests that he spray every street at least weekly.

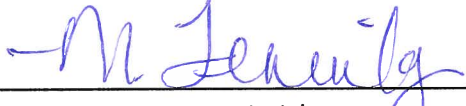
I was asked at the last Council meeting to get a salary review of other cities and what they pay their employees. I sent an email to 20 different city clerks, and I told them who I was and what I was doing and why I was doing it and I got five replies. So based on what I got, we're in the ballpark. We don't pay our City Clerk \$32,000 a year like one does but we're paying about the same as similar sized Cities.

ADJOURN

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hames seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.



Wayne Olsen, Mayor



Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer