

City of Mackay  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mangum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Richard Mangum, Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Mike Foster, Suzanne Whitworth.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Mike Evans will continue assisting Doug Belden with the property. Mayor Mangum requested three appraisals; one has been received, and Doug will contact realtors. Mike Evans inquired about consideration for selling the property, and Councilman Foster confirmed no decision has been made by the council. Mayor Mangum will seek additional appraisals. Doug has started broadening his search into property options.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – All council members and Mayor were given copies of the Sheriff's report. Councilman Wall asked about the new deputy.

Trent VanLauven - Idaho Public Television will film a segment for Outdoor Idaho on Thursday and Friday, focusing on the fish lab's collaboration with Fish and Game. Initially, we believed the building permit fees were waived, but we later received a \$4,000 bill. I respectfully request that this fee be waived or significantly reduced.

Councilman Wall inquired if the funds were for material or just the permit. Mayor Mangum found no discussion regarding the fees in the meeting minutes. Councilman Foster expressed support for waiving the fees. Councilman Wall motioned to waive the permit fees, seconded by Councilwoman Hames, and the council approved.

LRED – Provided catering for a high school rodeo, raising significant funds with strong community support. For the upcoming rodeo parade in June, permission is needed to close the street and move the announcer's stand near City Hall. Councilwoman Hames moved to approve the street closure, seconded by Councilman Wall, and the motion passed. Mike Evans resigned from LRED, and Bob Bagley commented on his tenure.

Request for Waiver – Kris and Kathy Alton purchased property at 707 Forest and discussed their plans so far. They removed a single-wide trailer. In the future, they would like to build a small log cabin. The real estate advertisement mentioned that they could place a camp trailer on the property. The existing single-wide was uninhabitable. They requested permission to park an RV on the city lot for the summer. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the waiver for 707 Forest, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hames, and the council approved it.

John Hallam requested a waiver for 315 E Spruce St., where he would like to park his own RV. Councilman Foster inquired about the statement of relief and the reason for the request, agreeing to allow Mr. Hallam to park his RV on the lot year-round and visit periodically to stay in the RV. Councilman Foster made a motion to approve the waiver, provided the RV is not rented out and is used solely for personal use. Councilwoman Hames seconded the motion, and the council approved it.

For the property at 717 Capitol Ave, no waiver is needed as long as the RV is parked at the owner's residence and not on the right-of-way.

Building Permits – 408 Elm Street – building a fence and 409 Artemesia is for a shed. Recommended by P&Z for approval. One more at 204 S McCaleb and P&Z approved. Councilman Wall made motion to approve 408 Elm St., 409 Artemesia and 204 S McCaleb as approved by P&Z. Councilman Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, council passed.

Tourist Park – An email from last October by Jim McCelvey indicated that we could charge for camping. However, Councilwoman Hames expressed uncertainty regarding this matter despite Jim's belief that it was permissible for insurance purposes. Councilman Foster recommended that Karen contact ICRMP to obtain a letter confirming our insurance coverage if we decide to impose charges. We currently charge a reservation fee, but we need to verify whether we are covered in case of any incidents affecting campers at Tourist Park.

It has been suggested to include parks on the agenda for the next month or schedule a special meeting. Councilman Foster also proposed offering Irene the same contract as the previous year without any increase. If we are not renting enough spaces, we may need to review the contracts. Additionally, it was noted that \$2,000 has been allocated for cleaning services, and there needs to be a corresponding revenue line item in the budget.

Mayor Mangum suggested allocating \$1,600 of Irene's salary towards Tourist Park and \$400 towards the dump station. Councilman Foster highlighted the necessity of establishing a revenue stream to maintain the services we offer, emphasizing that there is currently no funding for maintenance. He also pointed out the urgency of finding additional revenue sources to support ongoing activities, as our existing staff will have to manage mowing duties at the parks, which Mayor Mangum stated they do not have time for.

Councilwoman Hames inquired about the responsibilities of the camp host, which were clarified to include ensuring campers are parked correctly, maintaining cleanliness in restrooms across all parks, and monitoring for any unruly behavior or disturbances at Tourist Park. Mayor Mangum mentioned obtaining two quotes for mowing services for council review, although currently, these quotes exceed our budget.

Oscar Wornek Rental Rates/Audit – Councilwoman Whitworth was not in attendance. Councilman Wall made motion to table until Councilwoman Whitworth came back, Councilman Foster 2<sup>nd</sup>, council passed.

Review To Do List – Copy of To Do list given to Mayor and all Council Members. Tabled until June meeting. Councilman Foster did ask about the street light on the corner by U.S. Bank and that he would be willing to take that project on. Mayor Mangum stated that Mountain West Electric was going to come down to put the light back in at the lumber yard and was going to ask them if they would do this one as well while they are here and all expenses would be sent to ATC.

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

**Karen Hames - Parks & Recreation** – We use rolls of paper towels in bathrooms, which was problematic last year during the rodeo. For \$200.00, we can install 8 hard towel dispensers in all bathrooms, but will table the decision until funds are available. Shelly Mangum cleaned Kids Park bathroom, but Mayor Mangum later found paper towels scattered on the floor. Councilman Foster suggested using metal brackets for mounting toilet paper and paper towels. The rodeo council used to supply bathroom supplies, a practice we need to reinstate. Councilman Foster noted that Kevin Donohue, who signed the original rodeo agreement, took responsibility for everything except major system failures. Now, as the facility generates revenue, the city should receive a portion of it. Mayor Mangum explained this to Matt Warnke, who did not agree. The city's costs for the rodeo amounts to roughly \$100,000.00, with a \$500.00 deposit requested, \$400.00 refundable. Councilman Foster suggested asking for 1% of profits, but Matt resisted. Foster volunteered to discuss the matter with Matt, wanting to hear their side, as he is unwilling to subsidize the event with city funds.

Baseball fields – is water being turned off for repairs. Mayor Mangum stated that the water in the bathrooms is turned on. There are games end of May and they would like to water field beforehand.

**Mike Foster – Sewer & Water** – In regard to the water study from Jeff Cook I didn't want to meet with Jeff without the council having an opportunity to be there. If the council wants a zoom meeting Cindy can set it up. Cindy commented that Jeff does not want any decisions or motions made. Jeff's initial meeting would be to go through the information to see if there are any questions regarding the data and then he would formally present it to the council. Mike asked if the changes that were discussed regarding wages had been implemented on the spreadsheet. Everything should be updated completely by June meeting. There was a paper handed out at the last meeting with recommendations, and it also included putting as a line item under water the total amount for meter replacement so that we don't inadvertently spend that on maintenance and operation.

**Dean Wall – Streets** – Putting together the quote for sealcoating. Will have the quote soon and then we can determine when we want to do it. Highway District is willing to assist with this project. Councilman Foster stated that chip seal needs to be done and would be willing to assist to patch potholes.

**Suzanne Whitworth – O.W. Business Park** – Was not in attendance.

#### CLERK/TREASURERS REPORTS

Budget Spreadsheet was handed out to all council persons.

Motion to approve April 8, 2025 minutes by Councilman Wall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Hames, council passed.

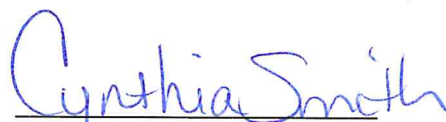
Motion to pay bills Councilman Wall, second by Councilwoman Hames, council passed. Councilman Foster if what is posted under General Account can be subdivided like the budget spreadsheet.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Lawn mower service is too expensive to fix. Hiring summer help from May 1st to September at \$10 per hour would cost around \$7,000. They could mow lawns. We need a part-time person for the summer. Kids Park – Hank is nearly done with concrete. We paid him \$70,000 last week, leaving over \$6,000. Hank's crew will finish laying dirt and sod. A mini excavator for one day will cost \$300. The engineer is paid in full. Radon mitigation – five units installed.

ADJOURN – Councilwoman Hames made motion to adjourn, Councilman wall 2<sup>nd</sup>, council passed.

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Richard Mangum, Mayor



Cynthia Smith, Clerk/Treasurer