City Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hills – Mona City Recorder

Michelle Dalton- Mona City Secretary

Sara Samuelson- Director of Finance

Dennis Gardner – Planning and Zoning Chair

Kelsey Quarnberg – Recreation Director

Steve Ewing - Planning and Zoning Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Myrna Trauntvein, Times News Reporter; Wade Woolstenhulme; Terry Wing

Mayor Randy Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Opening prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Christensen led the pledge of allegiance.

Recorder Alicia Hills led the prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Warren motioned to accept the work session minutes of March 28, 2023, as written. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve the work session minutes of March 28, 2023, as written. The Mona City Council vote to approve the March 28, 2023, minutes as written was unanimous.

**Planning and Zoning:**

Planning and Zoning Chair Dennis Gardner reported that the planning and zoning meeting will be held on April 12, 2023. He said that the legal letter to Tim Grange concerning his illegal buildings is not sent yet because of some questions, but should be sent within the week.

**Action Items:**

Councilmember Mecham made a motion to approve a $4500 for the purchase of weed and fertilizer spray for the park for the year. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to approve $4500 for the purchase of weed and fertilizer spray for the park. The vote of the Council was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Aye

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Aye

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:**

Secretary Dalton stated that the Easter celebration and coloring contest went well, and most of the prizes have already been handed out. She also thanked Councilmember Stanley for the Easter celebration as there have been many citizens who have commented on how well the egg hunt went.

Secretary Dalton reminded the Council that Spring cleanup will be April 21 through May 1st. There will be four dumpsters for garbage and one for metal. It was discussed to put them at the green waste sight.

**Finance Report:**

The Mona City Disbursement Listing for 3/28/2023 to 4/11/2023 was presented. The Council did not have any further questions concerning it.

Finance Quarterly Report:

Finance director Samuelson presented the Operational Quarterly Report. She stated that the City is now three quarters of the way through the year and that the report shows the City’s income and expenses thus far. Samuelson said that the City is in good shape going forward.

Councilmember Warren made a motion to approve the finances as presented. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve the finances as presented. The roll call vote of the Council to approve the finances as presented was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Aye

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Aye

**Gas and Water Report:**

Councilmember Warren stated that the purchase of a Mini X was discussed in the work session, so there was no further discussion.

**Sewer:**

Councilmember Mecham read a text sent from Brent Arns that stated that the system is running well now. He said that last Saturday there was an issue with the lift pumps, but James was able to troubleshoot the problem and everything is running well. He also stated that all of the fire and smoke alarms were replaced last week by Peak Alarm, and he has been cleaning and getting things back up and clean.

**Recorder:**

Recorder Alicia Hills reported that three city council positions will be open for office, as three of the current council members will reach the end of their term in December. Voting on this will be held in November. Hills stated that she will be posting those positions before May. Those interested in filing for those positions may do so between June 1 and June 7.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Stanley asked Kelsey Quarnberg, Mona City Recreation Director, to come forward to introduce herself and discuss the current happenings in Mona City Recreation. Quarnberg stated that soccer started this week and that she has had a lot of positive feedback about offering sports in town. She stated that many people still don’t know that Mona is offering sports and asked for the Council to spread the word around. Quarnberg also said that she is going to try to offer an adult bingo night which will be fun for adults over age 18. Quarnberg also stated that the current tumbling classes have two more weeks, but the instructor will be leaving after the session and a new instructor is needed starting in August. She said that there are teenagers that would be willing to help out, they just need someone to run the program.

Councilmember Stanley stated that she has the signs ordered for the senior graduates to post on the fence, and June 19th will family movie night in the park.

Councilmember Pace stated that Tony has been burning at the green waste site and it is cleaned up and looking nice. He also reported that the new slide is put in.

Councilmember Christensen said that he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Mecham reported that the spring cleanup is coming. Tony said that there is more room at the green waste and suggested putting the dumpsters down there.

Councilmember Warren reported that the construction on the road will begin on approximately the first day of June. Councilmember Mecham asked that the large pothole in the sewer road also be patched when the roads are done.

**Public Comment:**

Tyler Faddis

Faddis reported that Rocky Mountain Power has run power to the water tank and it is ready. He said that Scholcens is going to install the chlorination equipment this week and that the full spectrum Skeda upgrades in the chlorination building have been started and will be ongoing for about a week. He said that they are getting close to finishing up the project. He also stated that the project is under budget and that there will be extra money left from the grant that can be used. He suggested having a work session to decide the best place to use it.

Faddis reported that Barton told him that he has a couple of concrete collars that he needs to fix and will be doing that once the weather breaks.

Sewer building: Faddis reported that he received the electrical plans back today and will be reviewing those. Tony reported that the new auger has not been received, to which Faddis stated that he will follow up on it. Faddis also said that it would need to be discussed who is going to install the new auger. Mayor Christensen said that he will put together a work session to discuss this and figure out the funding.

Tyson Kessler from the Rocky Mountain Powerplant

Kessler stated that he had some information concerning funding for recreation and improvements. He said that the Rocky Mountain Foundation has funding for large projects in which a grant application is filled out for. There is also a community giving fund that has been exhausted for this calendar year, but for upcoming years it is smaller in quantity but is easy to receive money from. Kessler said that it would be a one-time donation and Rocky Mountain would want publicity with it. He suggested that every year Mona have a predetermined project that may qualify, and then apply to see if they can receive the funding. He also said that if a Rocky Mountain employee is donating time at things such as coaching recreation soccer, Rocky Mountain will match that time at $10 an hour, and the employee should look into the program.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion. The council vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm was unanimous.

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder