Mona City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 22, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hills – Mona City Recorder

Michelle Dalton- Mona City Secretary/Treasurer

Lori Henrie – Planning and Zoning Secretary

Tony Openshaw – Maintenance worker/green waste,

cemetery, & park caretaker

Jonathan Jones – Water Administrator

Shay Morrison – Community Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Forsyth, Shauna Weaver, Justin Weaver, Jana Crawford, Frank Riding, Myrna Trauntvein – Times News Reporter

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

**Opening prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Councilmember Christensen led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Stanley led the prayer.

**Public Hearing:**

Councilmember Warren made motion to open the Mona City public hearing. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to open the Mona City public hearing. The vote of the Council in favor of opening the public hearing was unanimous.

Mayor Christensen stated that the public hearing was being held for Mona City Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances. Recorder Hills reported that these are ordinances that have been presented and discussed in depth previous work sessions and meetings and are now being presented for a public hearing and to be approved by the Mona City Council.

Public Comment: none

Councilmember Christensen made motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor.

Councilmember Pace made motion to close the Mona City public hearing. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion to close the Mona City public hearing. The vote of the Council in favor of closing the public hearing was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Pace motioned to accept the city council meeting minutes of August 8, 2023, as written. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to accept the city council meeting minutes of August 8, 2023, as written. The vote of the Council was unanimous to accept the city council meeting minutes of August 8, 2023 as written.

Councilmember Warren motioned to accept the executive session minutes of August 8, 2023, as written. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion to accept the executive session minutes of August 8, 2023, as written. The vote of the Council was unanimous to accept the executive session minutes of August 8, 2023 as written.

Councilmember Stanley motioned to accept the work session minutes of August 15, 2023, as written. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to accept the work session minutes of August 15, 2023, as written. The vote of the Council was unanimous to accept the work session minutes of August 15, 2023 as written.

**Action Items:**

* Weaver Fence Variance – 129 South 650 East:

Justin & Shauna Weaver requested approval for a fence to be installed on the corner of their property line. Councilmember Stanley stated that their request seemed to follow Mona City Code and a variance is not needed. The Council had no further questions and Mayor Christensen stated that a vote was not needed because the request followed Mona City Code and did not require a variance.

* Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances.

Councilmember Mecham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances. The roll call vote of the Council to approve Ordinance 2023-17: updates to billing, nuisance, and administrative citation ordinances was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Aye

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Aye

**City Manager Shay Morrison**

* **Sign Ordinance:** Morrison provided a draft of an ordinance that can be implemented into Mona City code concerning signage in Mona City limits. He suggested that when the Council approves signs, that evidence be presented that backs up the reasoning for placing the sign.
* **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR):** Morrison stated that there has been previous discussion about using the company 120 versus the Sunrise through DDW versus doing an expedited application through whoever the city wanted. He stated that Mona is currently contracted with 120, but that he has received information from other municipalities who have used 120 that he wanted to alert the Council of. He stated that Sunrise is contracted through DDW to do the inventories and replacement plans for the lead and copper pipes within the municipality for around $20,000-$30,000 per municipality. He also stated that for the expedited application, the municipalities have been charged higher rates and he has seen all the way up to $70,000 for municipalities with a population of around 500. He said that other municipalities who have used 120, that the company is not doing all the work and the staff has to do the replacement plans. Their price is significantly lower, but their agreement states that the staff has to do part of the work. So rather than just doing it for the city, 120 is assisting with it. Morrison suggested checking on this with them and verifying what Mona’s contract states with them. Mayor Christensen stated that he would discuss the issue with Chad Phillips and the possibility of getting out of the contract with 120 and using Sunrise since it would not have any out-of-pocket cost to the city because the population is below 10,000.

Morrison also stated that there have been questions about system owned lines verses customer owned lines and what had to be included in the replacement plan, and he has found out that both system owned lines and customer owned lines have to be included in the inventory and replacement plan. The deadline for the inventory and replacement plan is October 16, 2024.

* **Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP):** This is a program through Utah State grad students who will go through every municipality within the Six County Region and do the testing for free. They will drive the municipality’s roads and sidewalks on golf cars and will inventory and take pictures of all the cracks and damage and will then inventory it all and give a report on a cost-effective maintenance plan for their upkeep.
* **GOEO Water Infrastructure Funding:** Morrison reported that the application is filled out and ready for the mayor to sign. He said that Councilmember Christensen can log on and have him sign it and finish it up. It needs to be submitted before August 31st.
* **GOEO Rural Community Opportunity Grant:** Morrison reported that there is 6 million available for economic development. It opens on October 16th and it is open for a letter of intent if the Council is interested.
* **Ordinance Officer:** Previously discussed in the work session and not addressed in the City Council meeting.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:**

Secretary Dalton reported that she posted the information that the Green Waste Facility will be closed on Sunday through Thursday. She stated that there was a little bit of backlash, but it should be ok. She also reported that the fire bulletin board has been put up next to the City’s fence to report the current fire danger level.

Secretary Dalton stated that the following job postings have been posted: gas & water operator, crossing guard substitutes, and a cemetery caretaker. The postings will close in 10 days. A crossing guard application has been received and the background check came back ok, so the applicant should begin soon.

**Finance Report:**

The Mona City and Recreation Disbursement Listings for 8/9/2023 to 8/22/2023 was presented. Secretary Dalton stated that the cost of fireworks did increase, but that was because of inflation. Councilmember Stanley had a question because it stated that there were no transactions for recreation, but on the statement there was a payment to Santaquin City for recreation. Secretary Dalton stated that she noticed that and would follow up with the finance director about what it was for.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the finances as presented. Councilmember Stanley 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 Roads and Water Report:**

Nothing Reported

**Sewer:**

Mayor Christensen stated that he sat down with the finance director and they were able to find funding to cover the cost of the sewer membranes, and he instructed Councilmember Mecham to find out the final bid by the next meeting so that the expenditure can be approved and the membranes can be ordered.

**Recorder:**

Recorder Hills swore in election workers Lori Henrie and Michelle Dalton.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Stanley presented a flyer for the Fall Festival which will be held on September 30, 2023. She reported that it is a “give back” event and people can bring canned food to enter and receive a wrist band, and the food will be donated to the homeless shelter. Cash received will be donated to the Central Utah Cancer Foundation.

Mona Recreation update: A new tumbling instructor has not been hired, so there is not a lot happening with Mona Rec in the fall. Because not a lot is going on, the rec department will be holding some classes such as canning.

Councilmember Pace asked if it is being enforced where the campaign signs are being placed. Mayor Christensen stated that “yes it is, and if they are on public property they are being removed”.

Councilmember Christensen had nothing to report.

Councilmember Mecham had nothing to report.

Councilmember Warren reported that the traffic counters are being moved to the other side of town. He also suggested that the city look at the agreement with the Sheriff’s office to decide if it should be continued.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Pace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to adjourn. The council vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm was unanimous.

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder