Mona City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Warren - Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: Sara Samuelson – Mona City Finance Director

Michelle Dalton - Mona City Secretary

Alicia Hills – Mona City Recorder

Shay Morrison – Mona City Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Jana Crawford, Russ Forsyth, Frank Riding, Jack Boyd, Myrna Trauntvein – Times News Reporter

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

**Opening prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Recorder Hills led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Christensen led the prayer.

**Public Hearing:**

Councilmember Christensen made motion to open the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Councilmember Stanley seconded the motion to open the public hearing at 7:04 pm. The vote of the council was unanimous in favor of opening the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

Finance Director Samuelson presented a handout of the changes to be made to the 2022-2023 budget to adjust for the transfer of funding from the Mona City General Fund to the Mona City Sewer Fund because of extra sewer costs in 2022-2023.

Public comment: none given

Councilmember Stanley made a motion to approve the amendment 2022-2023 budget to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. The rollcall vote of the Council to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Absent

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Absent

Councilmember Pace made motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm. The vote of the council was unanimous in favor of closing the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Pace motioned to accept the city council meeting minutes of July 11, 2023, as written. Councilmember Stanley seconded the motion to accept the city council meeting minutes of July 11, 2023, as written. Councilmember Christensen abstained from the vote due to absence. The vote of the Council was unanimous to accept the work session and executive session meeting minutes of July 11, 2023.

**Action Items:**

* Resolution 2023-10: Transfer of funds from the Mona City General Fund to an Enterprise Fund.

Councilmember Pace made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10: Transfer of funds from the Mona City General Fund to an Enterprise Fund. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-10: Transfer of funds from the Mona City General Fund to an Enterprise Fund.

The roll call vote of the Council to approve Resolution 2023-10: Transfer of funds from the Mona City General Fund to an Enterprise Fund was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Absent

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Absent

**City Manager Shay Morrison:**

City Manager Shay Morrison presented concerning each of the following subjects:

* Sewer Funding Options:

Manager Morrison presented several sewer funding options for needed funding for the Mona City Sewer Plant. Mayor Christensen said that he is planning on having a work session concerning the auger and sewer and will work with Tyler Faddis to get the meeting scheduled. The following are the options that Morrison suggested for sewer funding:

* + CIB
  + Water Quality Revolving fund: It would be a grant and a long-term loan.
  + EPA Water Infrastructure Innovation: This would be a full loan with low interest.
  + USDA: there are some options within this program. The loan and grant program under this is a 25% loan and a 75% grant with a current interest rate between 2-3%.
  + Raising sewer rates.
* Water Irrigation Meeting

Morrison stated that he would be willing to contact the Mona Irrigation Company to discuss the relationship between the irrigation company and Mona City. He suggested that a work session be held to predetermine what would need to be discussed at the combined meeting and prepare both Mona City and the Irrigation Company.

* Street Signs:

Morrison referred back to previous discussion about the legal standards for street signs. He stated that after doing research he found that the city can create a standard through ordinance for street signs on roads within the municipality, but for state roads, there must be collaboration with UDOT. He recommended having a traffic study completed to determine the necessity of the signs within the city before placement.

* Animal Ordinances:

Morrison stated that animal problems is a common problem, and some communities contract with individuals to do the enforcement. Morrison stated that he will send over the job description that he and Fountain Green recently developed for their new code enforcer. There were questions about where they would take the animals, to which Morrison stated that it would be within a contract between the enforcement officer, Mona City, and the accepting facility about where the animals would be taken.

* Lead Service Lines:

Councilmember Pace stated that 120 Water Lines had been hired by several cities to go through and find lead lines within the city and do the paperwork and tagging for the State and that Mona City has contracted with them as well. Morrison stated that the deadline to have the lead line identification and backup plan to the State is October 16, 2024. He said that he is confident that he could get Mona City on a government funded program called “Small Community Water Systems Program” that 90 other communities are already on, and if the 120 Water Lines company does not finish out, he would be willing to help Mona with the application for the program.

**Planning and Zoning:**

Nothing reported

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:**

Secretary Dalton said thank you to everyone for helping and doing a great job at the Mona Celebration last weekend.

**Finance Report:**

The Mona City Disbursement Listing for 7/12/2023 to 7/25/2023 was presented. The Council did not have any further questions concerning it.

Councilmember Pace 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: Absent

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Absent

**Gas and Roads and Water Report:**

Nothing Reported

**Sewer:**

Nothing Reported

**Recorder:**

Meet the candidate night August 1st at 7 pm

Recorder Hills reported that there will be a Meet the Candidate Night on August 1st at 7 pm for candidates to come and introduce themselves and answer questions. Hills encouraged the Council to attend. There will also be a live feed on Facebook of the meeting. Mayor Christensen said that he also has a deputy sheriff coming to maintain peace.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Stanley thanked the Council for all their help with the Celebration. Mayor Christensen stated that the celebration turned out well and that Councilmember did a good job putting it together.

Councilmember Pace reported that the celebration went well and thanks Councilmember Stanley for all her work. He said that the green waste is cleaned up and looking better. He said that he went down and helped with the cleanup and said that the Council may want to consider sending all the trees back to C&R. He said that the green waste is needed for the grass, but the tree pile is very large and getting out of hand. Mayor Christensen stated that the camera is working down there, but the Council needs to revisit closing the gate and locking it at night as well as putting a big sign down there of what can and cannot be dumped. Pace also stated that the cemetery issues have been dealt with.

Councilmember Christensen stated that he has another nuisance that needs to go to the attorney. He said that the fix-it notice was due on the 15th and they have not complied. Mayor Christensen stated that there is also another one on the north end of town.

Councilmember Mecham was absent

Councilmember Warren was absent

**Public Comment:**

Russ Forsyth thanked Councilmember Stanley for all her work as well as asked when the cleanup for the fireworks would be. Councilmember Stanley stated that she would figure it out and communicate the day and time up cleanup.

Jana Crawford asked what road signs is Mona City wanting to input? Mayor Christensen said that it would be for stop signs and road signs. He stated that Mona has never had any ordinances concerning them and found out that they would be necessary.

Greg Dalton said that people from Nephi are coming to Mona to dump their tree branches. He alerted everyone that the landfill takes them for free and they should not be taken to Mona City.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Pace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Councilmember Christensen 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