City Council Work Session- Tuesday March 7, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: Sara Samuelson – Financial Director

 Alicia Hills – Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

**Executive Session**

Councilmember Warren made motion to open the executive session at 7:00 pm. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to open the executive session at 7:00 pm. The vote of the Council to open the executive session at 7:00 pm was unanimous.

The executive session was held to discuss personnel as dictated in Utah State Code 52-4-205: “Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.”

Councilmember Mecham motioned to close the executive session at 8:30 pm. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to close the executive session at 8:30 pm. The vote of the Council was unanimous to close the executive session at 8:30 pm.

**Work Session**

Mayor Randy Christensen opened the work session at 8:30 pm.

Highway Tax & Transient Tax: There was discussion concerning the Highway Tax and the Transient Tax. It was decided to have Shay Morrison, the City Planner, go forward with the work of implementing the taxes.

Mayor Christensen reminded the Council that Travis Jones from Sunset (tomato plant) approached the Council at the previous City Council meeting requesting the approval to put in housing for the plant employees behind the current building. He stated that he will ultimately need approval from the County, but he would like Mona’s “blessing”. Councilmember Mecham said that since Travis took over the operation of the plant, they have been very up front and followed through with everything they said that they would do. Councilmember Stanley said that she teaches school to some of the employee’s children and that they are good people who do not want to cause trouble because their VISA will not allow them to return.

Sewer Funding: Councilmember Mecham presented a list compiled by Jeff Elbert that had the needs of the sewer plant. The Council decided to have City Manager Shay Morrison go forward with applying for a grant that can cover the costs of the updates. It was also suggested that the cost of the new gas regulator station be added to the application.

Burraston Hill gas procurement. The Council discussed the two options presented for the purchase of the gas system. They opted to go with option 2, which states that Mona City would immediately assume responsibility and costs for maintenance of meters and gas lines in the Burraston Hill Neighborhood. Nephi City would continue to bill residents of the neighborhood for approximately 2 years and 11 months or until $100,000 has been paid. All new developed lots would be customers of Mona City. At the end of the payment time frame, customers would then be billed through Mona City and revenue would be Mona’s from that time forward.

Finance Director Samuelson presented the Mona City Procurement Policy. The Council decided that purchases under $5,000 do not need a bid, and purchases over $30,000 will require a sealed bid.

Recorder Hills reported that a public hearing has been noticed and will be held on Tuesday March 28th concerning the implementation of a water tier system. She told the council that she would reforward them the amount that was previously decided upon. It was decided that the new system would be implemented on May 1st.

Councilmember Mecham asked if the green waste could be moved into town on the property that Mona currently owns, or could we have a dumpster put in town that can be dumped regularly? Councilmember Pace stated that the green waste facility is running well and seems to be ok at its current location. Councilmember Mecham said that he hasn’t gotten a bid back on the fence but thinks it will be expensive and he is also concerned about having people down by the sewer plant. Finance Director Samuelson wondered if it would be expensive to have green waste cans? Mayor Christensen suggested having a work session to discuss further options.

**Adjournment**

 The work session was adjourned at 9:26 pm

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder