Mona City Council Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

Amy Stanley **–** Councilmember

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

Jay Mecham- Councilmember

Jay Christensen - Councilmember

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hills – Mona City Recorder

Sara Samuelson – Finance Director

Michelle Dalton – City Secretary/Treasurer

Dennis Gardner – Planning and Zoning Chair

Troy Painter – Water and Street Operator

Chad Phillips – Gas and Water Department Operator

Lori Henrie – Planning and Zoning Secretary

David Sutherland – Fire Chief

Shay Morrison – City Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Myrna Trauntvein-Nephi Times News Reporter; Bryan Matheson; Amy Sutherland; Maurie Jones; Nate Thurgood with River Pools SLC; Tyson Kesler

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

**Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Councilmember Warren led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Christensen led the prayer.

**Public Hearing:**

The scheduled public hearing discussing the proposed water rate adoption was postponed until the Mona City April 25th meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Warren motioned to accept the City Council meeting minutes of March 14, 2023, as written. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve the City Council meeting minutes of March 14, 2023, as written. The vote of the Council to approve the City Council meeting minutes was unanimous.

Councilmember Pace motioned to accept the work session meeting minutes of March 21, 2023, as written. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to approve the work session meeting minutes of March 21, 2023, as written. The vote of the Council to approve the City Council meeting minutes was unanimous.

**Fire Chief David Sutherland:**

Fire Chief Sutherland asked what the City is planning on doing with the Barnes Bullets hydrant tank. He said he would get with Troy about it.

Fire Chief Sutherland stated that the fire department used to go around and blow the hydrants out and make sure they were still functioning, and asked if the Council would like him to do it again this year. The Council stated that, “yes, they would like the fire department to do that.”

Mayor Christensen asked Fire Chief Sutherland if the fire department currently has any available sandbags. Sutherland stated that he has two bales of sandbags left at the fire station and if more is needed, they can get them from the County.

**Planning and Zoning:**

* **Swimming Pool Variance Request: David Jones on behalf of Sophie and Kelly Johnson & River Pools and Spas– 657 South 300 West.**

Mona City ordinance currently requires that a four-foot fence be put around swimming pools as well as a fence around the lot, and they were requesting a variance. Mari Jones, sister to Sophie and Kelly Johnson, stated that they will have a self-closing and self-locking 6-foot perimeter fence as well as an automatic locking cover. They felt like the 4-foot fence was a redundancy. After discussion by the Council, it was decided that more information was needed, and the topic was tabled to have a work session to further discuss the topic.

Councilmember Mecham made a motion to table the variance until a work session could be held to further discuss the code and other options. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to table the variance until a work session could be held to further discuss the code and other options. The vote of the Council was unanimous to table the variance.

**Regional Planner Shay Morrison**

* **Mobile Home Parks and Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinance**

Regional Planner Shay Morrison suggested putting an ordinance in place for mobile home parks and recreational vehicle parks ordinance, and he will attend the planning and zoning meeting on April 12th and propose some code to put in place, penalty, inspection, and other related topics.

* **Sewer Ordinance Update**

Morrison stated that he can work with Seth in Nephi to work on updating the Mona City sewer code, or Mona City could hire an engineer to rewrite the code. The Council informed Morrison that they would not like to overwhelm him with too much work but would like him to write the code.

* **Municipal Energy Sale and Use Tax Ordinance (Franchise tax)**

Morrison stated that this is another way to incur more revenue. It would add up to 6 percent on any delivered service within a municipality. He said that it is not the customer being billed directly. It is a tax on the service provider, but the cost will likely be passed on to the customer. The revenue is allowed for general fund use. Mayor Christensen asked Morrison to put the ordinance together for the Council to review and decide if it would be worthwhile for Mona City.

* **Land and Water Conservation Fund Application**

The Council had previously questioned whether this grant could be used for putting in a pickleball and tennis court. Morrison stated that the deadline is May 1st for this grant, and it is a 50/50 grant. The previous holdup was that the bid that was previously received was more than the city wanted to pay. Councilmember Stanley stated that they have new drawings and sketches that are simplified, and the bid was $175,000, which is $20,000 more than the bid last year. Morrison stated that he would look for other avenues that may be applied for to cover the requested pickleball and tennis courts. Councilmember Stanley stated that she would get with Finance Director Samuelson as well as with businesses who had previously offered funding to find out what the city can afford to do.

* **Juab County Economic Development Application**

Morrison asked if the Council would like assistance with submitting this application? Councilmember Stanley recalled that it is a $50,000 to $200,000 grant to improve the county and create jobs. The Council decided to have a work session to discuss this.

Morrison suggested creating a plan for Mona City for application of grants in the upcoming fiscal year. The Council asked him to work on it and they would provide assistance where needed.

**Secretary:**

Secretary Dalton reported that Mona City needs crossing guards and is getting poor response to the request. She stated that school is almost out but as soon as it gets warm the kids will start walking and riding their bikes to and from school. It was suggested to ask Robert Nelson.

**Director of Finance:**

* Finance Director Sara Samuelson presented the disbursement listings for March 15, 2023, through March 28, 2023.

Councilmember Warren made motion to approve the finances for March 15, 2023, through March 28, 2023. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to approve the finances for March 15, 2023, through March 28, 2023. The roll call vote of the Council was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen Aye

Councilmember Mecham Aye

Councilmember Pace Aye

Councilmember Stanley Aye

Councilmember Warren Aye

**Gas & Water:**

* Gas:

Gas and water operator Chad Phillips reported that he just finished the yearly gas company inspection, and everything came back “great”. He said that the inspector will be back on April 11 to do the regulator logup stage inspection with Nephi as well as field evaluations. He stated that Mona City usually passes this with flying colors and should be in good shape.

* Water:

Philips reported that Rocky Mountain Power finally came and set the pole and is getting power set up for the chlorinator. He alerted engineer Tyler Faddis, who will alert the electrician to finish their part of the process. He will then get the Skeda equipment put in after this is finished and then he can have the chlorinator equipment put in and finally finish the process.

Phillips said that he has been looking at the water master plan and several lines in the water system need to be replaced in the next five years, and an excavator will be needed for this. He would like to get an excavator this year and get those projects done over the next 5 years. He needs a size 100 which he thinks should cost less than $100,000. It was suggested to have Shay Morrison look into finding grant money available for this.

Alex Johnson with Taurus plumbing let Phillips know that they are going to cut out and replace the places in the road in the new subdivision that have sunk. They will put road base in and compact it, and when Geneva Rock comes to lay for 200 East, they will lay it as well. He reported that the road department workers are actively working on repairing road damage before Geneva Rock comes to lay. He stated that because of all the rain and snow, there will be more sinking, but they will do their best to keep up. One of their anticipated projects is to put a bonnet on the curve on 100 South and 300 West because water is running under the asphalt.

**Recorder:**

* Highway tax and transient room tax

Recorder Hills reported that the Highway Tax and Transient Room Taxes will be implemented on July 1, 2023.

**Council Reports**

Councilmember Stanley reported that the Easter Celebration will be in a week. The prizes for the coloring contest will be announced on social media and on the Mona City website.

Councilmember Christensen stated that he had a complaint from a citizen concerning the owner of longhorn steers who has piled 4-foot-high poop mounds on the outside of his fence and has also been dumping it on the utility right of way as well as the railroad tracks right of way. The owner told Christensen that he can’t haul it off right now because it is too wet. Christensen said that he would take a fix-it notice to the citizen and will require that it be disposed of properly.

Councilmember Pace reported that he put the plexiglass in at the post office sign. He also stated that the green waste is “booming” and being used frequently, and Tony will begin burning tomorrow. He also stated that he and Councilmember Warren started the citizens academy with the police department.

Councilmember Warren stated that in addition to a reg station, there are some improvements that will need to happen with the gas, as far as looping it, to create pressure. This will be further looked into, and decisions will be made about this later.

Councilmember Warren said that he is still looking for a roller. The budget has been approved for it, he is just looking for one within budget.

Councilmember Mecham reported that he has not received any information from the sewer staff, so he is assuming that things are going well.

**Public Comment**

Secretary Dalton stated that the gentleman who Councilmember Christensen approached for his piles of waste from longhorn steers called her and stated that he is trying to get his piles taken care of. He is aware that it is a mess and is working on cleaning it up.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Pace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion. The vote of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm was unanimous.

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder