City Council Work Session- Tuesday May 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hills – Recorder

Dennis Gardner – Planning and Zoning Chair

Chad Phillips – Gas and Water Operator

Troy Painter – Water, Streets, and Gas Operator

Jonathan Jones – Water Representative

Kelsey Quarnberg - Recreation Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

* 120 Water, Lead, and Copper Rule (zoom presentation)

A zoom presentation was given concerning the 120 Water, Lead, and Copper Rule to update the City’s water system to remove the lead from the lines.

Mayor Christensen asked Recorder Hills to add the approval of $5000 for the 120 Water, Lead, and Copper Rule Consultants to the meeting agenda for May 30, 2023.

Mayor Christensen also asked Jonathan Jones to find out about the affluent water that Mona City is currently unable to use, and how and where it can be used. Jones stated that he thought that hiring an engineering company would be helpful in knowing the City’s options for the affluent water. Mayor Christensen stated that he would also talk with City Manager Shay Morrison to see if he has any resources or references for how to use the water.

* Water Rate Study

Mayor Christensen reported that City Manager Shay Morrison has found an engineering company that will do a study on the current Mona City water rates and give the City Council the options for rate adjustments and a water tier system.

* Gas Line on Main Street

Gas and Water Operator Chad Phillips reported that the Mona City gas line will need to be updated to accommodate the new growth, including the hook-on to the Burraston Pond subdivision, and the best way to update the line would be to put a new main line down Main Street. He received a bid for $180,000 to update the system. Mayor Christensen suggested using CIB funds for this. He also said that he would talk with Finance Director Sara Samuelson about budgeting for this expense.

* Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax (taxing utility companies)

Previously, City Manager Morrison had presented this tax and had asked if Mona City would be interested in implementing it. Mayor Christensen stated that he felt it was a “little sketchy” because the City has to also bill themselves as well as the power company. And the reward is small and the expense and effort and time to do it are not worth it. It was decided not to go forward with this tax.

* Federal Sidewalk Grant

This is the Department of Transportation Grant that was discussed at the previous Mona City Council Meeting. There was discussion about what the grant will cover and which sidewalks would be done. It was decided to use the Safe Schools Grants instead and Mayor Christensen said that he would put together a list of sidewalks that he would like put in, including upgrading the sidewalk that goes from 100 East to 200 East as it is not in good shape.

* Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (GFI) Discretionary Grant Program Application

This grant was discussed at the last Mona City Council Meeting. Mayor Christensen suggested having Six County following up with it and take it over. The Council agreed to allow Six County take care of it.

* Mona Elementary Water Contract

The original water contract between Mona City and the Mona Elementary was agreed to in 1992. In it, the City had agreed not to charge the school district for the water used by the elementary. Water Operator Phillips stated that the school uses a large amount of water and that the contract should be reconsidered. Councilmember Warren stated that the current meter at the school is not functional and a new meter needs to be implemented. Councilmember Stanley also stated that the rec department is currently using the ball fields at the elementary and stated that we need data before we ask them to pay for the water. Mayor Christensen said that he will meet with the superintendent to discuss it, and Painter stated that he will look into the purchase of the new meter.

* Tim Grange Compliance Date

The Council discussed a date for compliance for Mr. Grange before he would be charged for breaking the City Code. It was decided that the timeline would be three months after the minor subdivision is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Chair Gardner also reiterated that it will need to meet all of the Minor City Minor Subdivision and Building Codes, and that if it does not go to the Planning and Zoning meeting, then the preset fines will start. The Council also stated that Grange will have to meet all of the Mona City Minor Subdivision requirements, including having water shares.

* Fix It Notice for Animal Control Issue

At the previous City Council Meeting a citizen gave a complaint about a resident who has over 30 cats on his lot. The decision was made to have a member of the Council take a fix-it notice to the citizen to get rid of the cats.

* Recreation Sponsorship Packet

Recreation Director Kelsey Quarnberg presented a proposed recreation sponsorship packet for businesses who would be interested in donating to Mona City Recreation and asked the Council for their input on the donation process. They found her She will print it to distribute.

* Scoreboard for ball field

Recreation Director Quarberg said that there have been residents who have volunteered time and money to put in a scoreboard at the park. Councilmember Pace told Quarnberg to decide where to put it and get a cost for them.

Councilmember Warren stated that when a person comes in for a building application that they also need to meet with someone from the Irrigation Company.

Councilmember Stanley went to the Tomato Plant for the tour and luncheon yesterday. The main point was to talk housing. They are putting in bunk houses.

**Adjournment**

The work session was adjourned at 9:20 pm

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder