City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 30, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Christensen- Mayor

Jay Christensen **–** Councilmember

TJ Pace – Councilmember

Amy Stanley – Councilmember

Jay Mecham – Councilmember

Ron Warren - Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hills – Mona City Recorder

Michelle Dalton- Mona City Secretary

Sara Samuelson- Director of Finance

Troy Painter – Street, Water & Gas Supervisor

Shay Morrison – City Manager

Chad Phillis – Gas & Water Operator

OTHERS PRESENT: Myrna Trauntvein, Times News Reporter; Kristine Phillips; Tyler Faddis

Mayor Randy Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Opening prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Councilmember Mecham led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Christensen led the prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Mecham motioned to accept the city council and executive session minutes of May 9, 2023, as written. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve the city council and executive session minutes of May 9, 2023, as written. The Mona City Council vote to approve the city council and executive session minutes of May 9, 2023, was unanimous. Councilmember Christensen abstained from the vote due to being absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Christensen motioned to accept the work session minutes of May 16, 2023, as written. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion to approve the work session minutes of May 16, 2023, as written. The Mona City Council vote to approve the city work session minutes of May 16, 2023, was unanimous.

**Action Items:**

* Approval of water rate study to be completed by Rural Community Assistance (RCAC)

City Manager Shay Morrison stated that RCAC has assigned two advisors to work with Mona City to provide a proposal for what the City’s water rates should be at. There is no charge and the company is nonprofit, and it should take three to six months for the proposal to be finished. Morrison suggested that no personal information be shared with them.

Councilmember Stanley made a motion to approve for RCAC to complete a water rate study for Mona City. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion to approve for RCAC to complete a water rate study for Mona City. The vote of the Council was unanimous.

* Technical Planning Assistance Grant – for technical assistance to create a transportation master plan.

Councilmember Christensen stated it would allow Mona to anticipate transportation needs in areas of growth and concern. It would focus on the safety, road use, road condition, future growth, corridor preservation, etc.

Tyler Faddis said that it is a grant opportunity that is funded by UDOT. It is a 100% grant with a 6.77 Percent interest rate, meaning that the cost for Mona would be $4,000. The total grant is for $58,000 and Jones & Demille would prepare the master transportation plan.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the Technical Assistance Grant for assistance on the Mona City transportation plan. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve the Technical Assistance Grant for assistance on the Mona City transportation plan. The vote of the Council to approve was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen Aye

Councilmember Pace Aye

Councilmember Mecham Aye

Councilmember Stanley Aye

Councilmember Warren Aye

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:**

Nothing reported

**City Manager Shay Morrison:**

* Water Rate Discussion/RCAC Proposal Review

Morrison reported that he went through the Mona City water needs and current charges and then ran some rough numbers of what the city will need to charge to cover future expenses. He said that his estimates would put the billing to start with a $47 base and then overages at 4, 5, and 6. That would just pay on the 3.5 million needed for upgrades and pay on the current expenses. Mayor Christensen asked how Mona City rates compared to other cities, to which Morrison stated that they are low. He said that the RCAC’s study will give a detailed and exact amount that will need to be charged, but the city should anticipate an increase.

* Community Advisor Pilot Report

Morrison distributed a Community Advisor Pilot Report, which described the program, its goals and accomplishments, and his role in it. He said that Mona has requested the most of the program but has also benefited the most out of the program and he requested expanding into areas that he is not currently a part of.

**Planning and Zoning:**

Nothing reported

**Finance Report:**

The Mona City Disbursement Listing for 5/10/2023 to 5/30/2023 was presented. The Council did not have any further questions concerning it.

Councilmember Warren made a motion to approve the finances as presented. Councilmember Pace 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:**

* + - Approval of $5000 for the 120 Water, Lead, and Copper Rule Consultants

Chad Phillips, Gas and Water Operator stated that in the work session May 16, 2023, there was a presentation given to hire consultants to help with Mona’s upgrades to abide by the 120 Water, Lead, and Copper Rule.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve $5000 for the Water, Lead, and Copper Rule Consultants. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion to approve $5000 for the Water, Lead, and Copper Rule Consultants. The vote of the Council to approve was as follows:

Councilmember Christensen: Aye

Councilmember Mecham: Aye

Councilmember Pace: Aye

Councilmember Stanley: Aye

Councilmember Warren: Aye

Chad Phillips reported that the water tank levels are working. He said that in moving forward, he is considering bypassing the cemetery tank because of the cost to salvage it. He said that with what the new tanks provide, it should get us through the next 20 years if there isn’t exponential growth. He also stated that there is a little more money left over from the grant and he would like to use it to get Skeda on all of the PRV’s.

Phillips requested having a seasonal worker to help with maintenance work.

Phillips reported that Geneva Rock will be coming on Wednesday May 31st to start the work on 200 East. They will be paving on Wednesday June 7 and then doing patches on the following day.

There was a suggestion to put a 4-way stop at 100 North and 200 East. Councilmember Stanley stated that she will discuss with Shay the process of putting in a four-way stop.

**Sewer:**

Councilmember Mecham reported that the sewer plant is running as it should. Brent Arns has been cleaning up the landscaping and sent a reminder that the asphalt patch still needs to be put in on the south side of the building.

Stallings did some research on the plant and has a list of fixes that need to be done. They reported that some motors need to be replaced, to which Jeff Elbert has already bought the motors and they just need to be put in. Councilmember Mecham also said that they need Stallings to fix the fan motors in the operator’s room air conditioning system.

Councilmember Mecham reported that Brent Arns would like a laptop to communicate with staff and keep up on maintenance.

**Recorder:**

Recorder Alicia Hills reported that June 1st through 7th is the timeframe to file for candidacy for the upcoming councilmember positions.

**Council Business:**

Councilmember Stanley stated that the theme for the celebration this year will be “A growing tradition”. The talent show will be 45 minutes and there will be a limited number of talents.

June 9th will be the Family Fun Night. Councilmember Stanley asked Councilmember Pace to put up the volleyball net for the volleyball tournament.

Councilmember Pace stated that Tony scraped the ball field and there have been games on it. On Tuesday the bark under the jungle gym will be replaced. Michelle will put up signs to stay out as well as caution tape.

Councilmember Christensen said that he is still trying to get the desk moved and get a generator for the City. He is sending in for another grant for it.

Councilmember Mecham reported that Jeff Elbert has scheduled someone to come and present about the affluent water coming out of the sewer plant at the next meeting. He also stated that a work session is needed about having someone put in the motors.

Councilmember Warren reported that he will be doing a ride-along with the sheriff to write tickets for speeding on ATV’s and UTV’s.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Councilmember Pace seconded the motion. The council vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm was unanimous.

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Randy Christensen, Mayor Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder