

Minutes
City of Mackay
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Wayne Olsen, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Recited the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Wayne Olsen, Dean Wall, Greg Blackwell, Richard Mangum, Mike Foster, Vicki Wall, and Michelle Teninty.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chris Harvey and Mike Evans.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Harvey started, there was an individual, a couple of months ago, trying to pass some fake money on, and so I put a case together on him and was waiting for the prosecutor. They are charging him two felonies, and so they're going to send out an arrest warrant for him. Actually, he's in Butte County's custody right now, on a drug charge, so he'll be getting that served in there. Other than that, patrols about the same. My son in law is a deputy, him and my daughter actually, been here a couple weeks, they'll be right in town. So that will help for some response time on stuff.

LRED

Mr. Evans said, we have this grant we've been working on since last year, which is a municipality community involvement. How this relates to you guys. Is, as Mayor, as clerk, you're going to be getting a call from a lady from the National Travel Center. She's going to be asking you some questions about our area. She has 40 people on this call list, starting with guides that come over, local retailers. I believe you guys know the rodeos at PRCA status. Kevin will be in talking with you guys. Another thing is the theater upgrade, that's pretty high on our list. We're working with the Cecil's. ATV signage for the region that lines up with our five maps. We're primarily taking the lead on this one, working with BLM Forest Service. Konnex has offered to assist a little bit.

One of my goals this year is to generate Lost River Economic Development assessment for our area, which will include Custer County, so I'm working with the county commissioners and a couple of area executive directors. I just recently became a member of the Lost River Irrigation District as a special subcommittee on special projects and grants. There are some pretty interesting things happening with the reservoir, I'm not going to detail right now, but I had no idea, there's some big potential happening up there. I'll keep you guys informed when I get tangible information. We're ready to go to the international sportsmen exposition in Sandy, that's the middle of March, we're working with salmon Challis and Stanley, and we'll be working with the local businesses, getting some brochures. I can't remember the name of the facility, but there's like 1000 vendors in there. Another thing we just got involved with in the last week, we had planned our office, and Konnex office can meet with the mine in salmon. It's called Idaho Cobalt, and Tammy Stringham, kind of just two pairs of meetings. Since then, Colorado School and mine has a grant evidently, for this region of Idaho. I don't have the specifics, but for the communities to come together and understand all the mining that's going on in our region. This would be a bigger regional approach to what's going on with mining areas. The staff meetings with Colorado School of Mines is April 25. Our board of directors meeting is February 27. And as far as activities on your horizon, there's a Mother's Day craft art, it's going to be May 13, at the south Custer

fire station, we have approximately 40 vendors already lined out. Bob's working on getting the tax ID. Our next k-cat team is in March. Any Questions?

Mayor Olsen answered, A couple of comments. I was contacted by a member of the Idaho Air National Guard, about doing a fly with her for the rodeo, they wanted to know that we wouldn't be interested in that. I told them, yeah, it'd be kind of cool. And they said they would send me a letter that I could send to their commanding officer. And if it was approved, and they would love to come do a fly over. The person that contacted me is a native of Challis. And then were you aware of that in about 2014 or 2015, we had what they call the community review? They had a team of I don't know how many people, they came and interviewed all kinds of people.

Mr. Evans replied, I have seen that report.

Mayor Olsen said, okay, because that might help you.

AIRPORT DOORS

Mayor Olsen stated, Elk Valley Construction bid sheet, \$20,000 to put in the structure so that they can put in some overhead doors. We use that facility, and we desperately need that space, but something for you to consider. Questions?

Councilman Blackwell asked, do we have anybody else? Have we reached out to people?

Mayor Olsen answered, no, if you know somebody that can reach out to?

Councilman Blackwell replied, I don't know if you can get anybody up here and be honest with you.

Mayor Olsen added, that's one of the things we have a problem with. People from Twin Falls that are much more responsive than those from Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Blackfoot for some reason.

PURCHASE OF A UV SYSTEM FOR THE SEWER LAGOON

Mayor Olsen started, a little background on that, Chardon and Dwayne, we're trying to put rebuild the UV system that we have, and it's so old, that parts aren't available for it anymore. So, it's essentially dead in the water. The reason I would suggest it to the council to consider buying one is that some of the EPA, DEQ requirements that are on the drawing board for consideration in our next licensing go round, are going to be a lot more restrictive in some areas than what we have right now. Chardon has contacted Dr. Pipeline, and they're going to get us an estimate and we're asking for a concrete vault to put it in. We'll build a little shed over the top when they're done. Any questions?

Councilman Foster asked, will they give us a service life system? Is that like a 10 year?

Councilman Blackwell answered, I think it's a lot less than that. I think they did 10 year because technology doesn't make it 10 years. So, it was my understanding that we had almost a complete working system of the uv system that we had, granted it was old, but what parts can we not get?

Mayor Olsen replied, I don't know, do you want to check with him and see?

Councilman Blackwell said, I would love to because we can probably cobble something together with it and be a lot cheaper than what that's going to end up costing.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE KID'S PARK UPDATE

Mayor Olsen continued; the drawings have gone to the manufacturer. And it's being built. They couldn't give us an estimate on the delivery date. So as soon as I find that out, I'll let you know. Richard you and I need to get together and so I can update you on kind of where we are and turn it over to you to start organizing the crews to put it together and do it at your convenience. So no rush. Dean, if you want to be in on that because you are involved with the hauling of the material, if you guys wanted to meet some Tuesday after staff meeting? It shouldn't take very long to show you what we had done in the planning stages, we had worked a little bit of stuff that's been done with Greg and Cindy while he was over parks, we're taking those ideas over and going ahead with it.

TREASURERS REPORTS

Clerk Teninty said, I'm still working on the budget to actual report, but I do have the quarterly treasurers report as of 12/31, which has some good numbers, percentages. Does anyone have questions?

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the treasurers report, Councilman Foster seconded, all approved. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Mangum made a motion to approve to pay bills, Councilman Wall seconded, all approved. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve minutes, Councilman Blackwell seconded, all approved. Passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Wall started; did we get Kelvin in here to sign the lease yet? Okay. Good. Ok, Just kind of an update. I met with the mayor last Tuesday, on the cleaning of clinic. So just kind of refresh your memory, when COVID hit the clinic shut down, we were redoing contracts for lease, the fitness center to contract in order to keep his fee down to keep the doors open and agreed to clean the foyer and the restrooms and they've been doing that. We started having a little bit of trouble when the clinic opened one day a week, and last Tuesday, we found out that the clinics open three days a week now. They're still cleaning it, we're trying not to have to go back and redo his contract, we're trying to get to when his contract comes up. He's responsible for cleaning it, but we're also because the clinics open for three days, I think the City needs to pick up a little bit. What we kind of agreed to right now is that they're going to clean up one day a week at the expense of the gym. And then the City will pay our cleaning person to check papers in the rooms. dump the trash is and do a walkthrough to make sure there's no disasters. We're paying to clean the foyer right now. So as these progresses, we don't know if one actual day a week is going to work to clean it or not. His contract says he's supposed to clean it more. So we're just kind of trying to work through this to keep it clean. The clinic is definitely using it more than the gym, but trying to make sure that everybody feels that they're getting a fair deal. And the City's doing their part. We'll have to re-assess his contract, or the City must step up and clean more. So, did we get Proud Sources year end payment?

Clerk Teninty said no, not yet.

Councilman Wall stated, the only other thing I got is Kevin, seen me about the rodeo, and he is coming but he wanted to present this so that we could be thinking about it. He said that the rodeos getting bigger, and the parking areas get smaller in the rodeo grounds with the annex and the ball field, he would be interested in using the ATV unloading area for parking. And possibly on Saturday, using the camping area if it's not booked, if it's not a problem, like we do with the barbecue. They're trying to keep the tracking people safe; you know horses coming and going. They've got the issue with Kathy's road going into it now. He wanted me to throw that out there so that if we need to think about anything before that timeframe. I told him that there should not be a problem using the ATV unloading area, that's just open area anyway, I said that they may have some of them spots booked already for camping on the road with that if it's a hassle parking on the lawn.

Mayor Olsen replied, when we do the barbecue, we usually water it up good, mow it and then let it dry out for at least a week before. The other thing that you might suggest to him is when we had the ATV rally and we had hundreds of campers down there. Rally in the Pines talked with Kathy Lampson and Kathy agreed to let them Park to go on through in park and that big sagebrush area that she has backed in so that's another option.

Councilman Wall said, that might be a good idea because maybe they could put a lot of the horse trailers and all that stuff back there, that's what his biggest concern is safety of people parking the horse trailers, hurrying to get to an event and so maybe that would be a great deal, and then with our little bit of parking that's up to the front of that might make everything work for him.

Councilman Blackwell stated, I don't have a whole lot after our last meeting, the guys were hitting some roads they hadn't before, so that's good. My only thing is I just watched Chardon today driving around the roads without being in a plow. I'm kind of wondering why he's driving the roads without being in a plow.

Mayor Olsen replied, because he has other things to do than plow City streets. He has water samples have to take he has to make sure those water samples get submitted.

Councilman Blackwell responded, I'm sure he's doing his job properly. I'm just throwing it out there that we're going to drive down road just to look and see what the snow looks like. Let's have the plow while we're doing it.

Councilman Foster added, is there merit of maybe just a briefing, Wayne, of kind of what the crew was doing the previous month or what their plan is for the upcoming month? The more information we know, the less questions we would have. And if we were asked by somebody, then we tell them what they're doing. I don't need the detail but the bigger stuff. Maybe for the upcoming week or the upcoming month just to hear that the ticket items we're working on. I'm just saying what is noticed and perceived by the public.

Mayor Olsen responded, let me give you Chardon's list that came out of today's staff meeting. The UV system quote from Dr. Pipeline, the fill station quote. He's working on a kid's part sprinkler estimates, he has to wait until the ground thaws out. He's to check on why we have new cameras that were not installed by the City in building number two, as soon as the weather clears, and he gets Dwayne to help him, and Duane has been sick the last two days, to take the Christmas decorations down. There is a GIS map app that he's working on. He got us the replacement hangar role doors, and we're looking at what we can do to get rain gutters. He's assigned to do a combo locks for these doors here. He's to check all the manholes to make sure that they're in good shape, He's to paint the doors out here that he agreed to help keep the cost down. For the moving of the door that goes down the hall. He's working

on getting glass and door estimate to enclose the counter for the clerks. He's working on this sidewalk concrete, it's in front of the post office. That's just the assignments that I've given him on top of plowing the streets, and we're not plowing the alleys by the way guys. We can't get down there, there's no place to put the stuff. So, Greg, I understand where you're coming from. And I don't want to come across antagonistic towards you. But I'm sticking up for my crew.

Councilman Blackwell said, I'm not saying anything negative. What I'm saying what's perceived as, so there's questions.

Mayor Olsen answered, just tell them, he has other things to do besides plow streets. You want drinking water? That's Chardon, you want to flush your toilet? That's Chardon.

Councilman Foster added, I've heard comments and I also recognize Cabin Fever is pretty thick right now and people are picking nits. But I think the more we know, the more we can answer questions.

Mayor Olsen stated, the streets are getting very icy, and are sanders still inoperable. So, we may have to contact the county and see if there's is operable yet. I get really defensive of our crew. I've just really got a short fuse when it comes to my crew.

Councilman Foster said, you talked about checking the manholes, are you going to look at College Street because now it's about that time in the past when ice problems or whatever has happened on that sewer line?

Mayor Olsen replied, we have a jet or truck now that we can use the jet that.

Councilman Foster started, A while back, when we were in the thick of building permits, we talked about the planning and zoning ordinance to see if they would be interested in reviewing the ordinance. As I understand the process, they would review it, perhaps make recommendations, then the council would review their recommendations in the ordinance and make any changes. It's a pretty cumbersome process that involves the public, but this is about the slowest time of year there is for the next few months if we want to take it on.

Councilman Wall responded, it probably wouldn't hurt for them to review it maybe if they are interested. I wish they had been doing it longer so that maybe they knew where there were some glitches or not. I don't know that they'll pick up on anything right now.

Councilman Foster added, one of the concerns I had is Tom had to have surgery, and he told me a while ago they may move away in the future and he's pretty savvy on that and writing documents, that is right up his alley. If we're going to do it, before he moves off if he does, I haven't talk to him about that, but it was important back when we were doing the comprehensive plan. We were worried about how this potential growth could affect the City in regard to sewer line capaCity, water capaCity, quads being built in the middle of residential neighborhood type stuff.

Councilman Wall said, I think that's the first step to see if they're interested, and we can review it.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Olsen state, We had a power outage here on Thursday, it really brought to light some concerns that our crew Chairman Dwayne had about our system. We have brand new pumps in the lift station,

and right now those pumps have emergency generators. So with the power off that generator came on, and they still move sewage to the lagoons, but they're at capacity. We're moving 1,000 gallons per minute to the lagoons. And we need bigger pumps if we do anything else. So if we expand then there needs to be some sort of pay to the City to approve a new building area. Because again, do it on our own. It wouldn't be an impact fee. The other thing it brought to light was we have this nice SCADA system that tells us everything that's going on. Well as soon as we lost electricity, we lost the SCADA system. Now there's a remedy to that, our main pump is the biggest one, that's over here behind the lumberyard. That's pumps about 700 gallons a minute when it's turned on. But Chardon couldn't turn it on with his phone because there's no electricity to pump we need a generator and emergency generator and the electronics that go with it, over there at that pump. If the power had stayed off for very long, we would have probably frozen up a lot of water mains that are under the streets, and they wouldn't be thawed out till spring. We wouldn't have had to worry about the pumps being over capacity at the lagoon. Because as soon as that water freezes up, then there's no water to run through the sewer and the sewer freezes up.

Councilman Foster asked, is there a concern that we don't have the pump capacity, on our main lift station right now? Do we need a bigger generator to run a bigger pump? Or has that been adequate?

Mayor Olsen responded, we'd have to look at that as well. Right now, the lift station is set up so that when the pump comes on and pumps the sump, and when it pumps the sump, it shuts off. And when the sump fills up, the other pump turns on, and it pumps the sump and shuts off, so we alternate between the pumps right now the sump is never empty. So, Chardon goes down and switches so that one pumps not pumping all the time. But he has to do that manually until the flow going into the station is reduced. But we've got high flow going in there now because we're telling everybody to run water because we've got several freeze ups already in they're having to run garden hoses to get water in their houses. And it doesn't take very long for the system freeze, three four hours. So that's one thing I'd like you to consider. So, if we're at capacity the next thing to consider is do we need to put an ordinance that states we're at capacity?

Councilman Foster asked, how does this water study that we're soliciting right now, Can that help address some of this? I'm concerned we got more needs than we got money and we're going to have to start prioritizing somehow.

Mayor Olsen replied, yes, but we've put a 5% increase on for the last three years and we'll do it again this coming year, but you can put it out for the vote for the water increase. Chardon is working hard, him and Duane. I'd like you guys to go over check out the shop. Because in their limited spare time when they can't do anything when they're not plowing streets and they've got all their checks and samples, and everything taken. They spend a little time in the shop and their inventory, all their stuff. They're putting it in bins and they're labeling it and when they get it done. Ferguson will give the City in a free inventory system, like the grocery stores, when you take one off the shelf, you enter, it sends a message to Ferguson and Ferguson ships you another replacement part that's in the works. That will save us from buying parts we don't need, because we can find them or because they're buried. That's one of the reasons we need this hanger, is because a lot of our parts are buried in the snow. We have money in our Capital Improvement Fund. And the Capital Improvement Fund was set aside mainly for sewer, as I recall. But in the interim, this council has said, well, let's use it for sewer and water, which we can do. We have 135,000 dollars in that fund right now. The meters with the \$15 surcharge the past few years and continuing this year. The most expensive meters the big meters are the ones that have already been purchased.

Councilman Foster said, in my opinion, we get those new water meters bought first and installed before we take on a sewer issue unless it's an immediate issue.

Mayor Olsen stated, our pumps down there ran fine last summer. We had all new pumps and the new rails and new electronics. They handle that right now it's just something to look forward to down the line. This emergency generator for that well, that's something that we need to address.

that eat up other than money that's in there again. I could eat up it'll eat up I've ever been in 130,000 We'll see what their best sorry,

Councilman Wall responded, I want more information on the sewer pumps. I think the generator on the well it's got some merit not necessarily as much in the winter but with the world as it is today. In the summer, we could lose the power grid. I think it's something that we need to actually think about pretty seriously. In the middle of the summer, if all the power grid goes out for a couple of days. We're in trouble if we can't bring the well online.

Mayor Olsen continued, the other thing I would like you to consider is hiring another full time employee.

Chardon is concerned about Duane retiring at any time. Chardon says he almost had a serious wreck. So, you know, there's nothing saying that something won't come take him out. I had Michelle look at the money we had, she told me that it's not in the budget, but we could open a budget up again. We could hire someone full time with full benefits and offer a \$16 an hour starting wage.

Councilman Foster asked, what would the annual cost be for that?

Clerk Teninty responded, 53,000 a year with all the benefits and that's worst case, highest benefits.

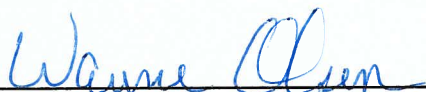
Councilman Wall stated, the money scares the heck out of me. I mean, bottom line scares the heck out of me. I addressed this a month ago when I brought up, you know, possibility of putting Ken back on as relief because I'm really nervous. So, I guess, my opinion, is we think about it for the next meeting, I'll let you let you review the budget.

Councilman Foster said, I understand when Dwayne retires, we need to replace him. I'm not comfortable hiring a third person full time, and then having Dwayne, move into just the lawnmower.


Mayor Olsen asked if there were any other questions? There were none.

ADJOURN

Councilman Blackwell motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Mangum seconded, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.



Wayne Olsen, Mayor



Michelle Teninty, City Clerk/Treasurer

