

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023
5:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR STROM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR TOBY STROM, LUKE BURD, BETH HAGEN, AND LUKE SYVERSON.

PETER TRANBY – PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDANT

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS OF MCINTOSH

MELISSA FINSETH – CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MEMBERS ABSENT: JORDAN GUNUFSON

GUESTS: KIM SPAETH, VIRGIL LERFALD, JOHN MERRIWEATHER, MARY GOODWIN, ROY OSTENAA, AND DENISE STARK

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

QUORUM WAS MET

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

- d. BUILDING PERMIT – HOLTER
- e. WATER COOLER INSTALLATION – HEAD START

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. APRIL 13, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

MARY GOODWIN INQUIRED ABOUT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, PROGRAM AND GRAVE SERVICE ON THE OLD SCHOOL LAWN. KIM SPAETH, OF THE MCINTOSH TIMES, LISTED OFF THE ITINERARY THAT WAS PROVIDED TO HER BY THE MCINTOSH FRIENDS OF VETERANS. THE FULL ITINERARY IS SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE MCINTOSH TIMES.

KIM SPAETH DISCUSSED THE ISSUES SHE'S HAD WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD DOG HANGING AROUND HER PROPERTY CAUSING HER OWN DOGS TO BECOME UPSET - BARKING AND WHINING INCESSANTLY WHILE THE OTHER DOG WAS OUTSIDE HER PROPERTY. SHE REPORTED THAT THE DOG CLAWED AND DAMAGED HER SCREEN DOOR. MS. SPAETH ASKED WHAT THE COUNCIL WILL DO TO MITIGATE THE PROBLEM. MAYOR STROM ASKED THAT SHE CONTACT HIM THE NEXT TIME THE DOG IS ON HER PROPERTY SO HE CAN CALL BAGLEY ANIMAL CONTROL.

JOHN MERRIWEATHER WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS A VARIANCE TO ALLOW CHICKENS ON HIS FIVE ACRE LOT. THE COUNCIL ASKED FOR DETAILED PLANS, IN WRITING, SO THAT THE CLERK CAN TALK IT OVER WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY.

VIRGIL LERFALD WANTED TO KNOW IF THE CITY WILL APPROVE THE GAMBLING LICENSE FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SO PULL TABS AND BINGO CAN BE PLAYED AT LITTLE BOBBY'S BAR AND GRILL. MOTION BY BETH HAGEN AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE PERSUING A NEW GAMBLING LICENSE TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. LUKE SYVERSON ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED AND CARRIED.

MAYOR STROM INFORMED ROY OSTENAA THAT THE CITY'S INSURANCE COMPANY REQUIRES THE TRACTOR DAY POSTERS TO STATE THAT THE CITY OF MCINTOSH IS THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE TRACTOR PARADE. THE CITY CANNOT SPONSOR THE TRACTOR PULL FOR LIABILITY REASONS.

MEDA AND POPLAR MEADOWS :

a. RENTAL STATUS

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT POPLAR MEADOWS CURRENTLY HAS TWENTY-FOUR RESIDENTS WITH THREE MORE MOVING IN IN JUNE. AS OF THE MAY 11TH MEETING, THERE WAS ONE – ONE BEDROOM AVAILABLE.

b. APPROVE POPLAR MEADOWS MONTHLY BILLS

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,457.43. PASSED UNOPPOSED. REBECCA

c. DEBT PAYMENT

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE A \$5,000.00 DEBT PAYMENT. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

d. EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE A THREE PERCENT WAGE INCREASE AND TO MAKE DON BRINKMAN A SALARIED EMPLOYEE. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

e. RATE INCREASE

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE A SLIGHT HOUSING RATE INCREASE AS WELL AS AN INCREASE TO THE SERVICE PACKAGES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. WATER TOWER

PETER TRANBY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE WATER TOWER HAS BEEN FULLY DRAINED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RECONDITIONING PROJECT.

KLM ENGINEERING, INC. PROVIDED A LOGO TEMPLATE OF THE LETTERING FOR THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE. THE LETTERING FOR THE WORD MCINTOSH WILL REMAIN AT FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT AND THE HEIGHT FOR EST. 1889 WILL BE THREE FEET.

THE COUNCIL CHOSE AN OFF-WHITE PAINT COLOR WITH BLACK LETTERING FOR A CLEAN LOOK.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION – TRACTOR PARADE SPONSORSHIP

LUKE SYVERSON INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF MCINTOSH TO BE THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR FOR THE TRACTOR PARADE FOR LIABILITY REASONS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LUKE BURD. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

b. AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY TO ADD JUNETEENTH

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO ADD JUNETEENTH TO THE LIST OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. BUILDING PERMIT – BRADY FINSETH

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR FENCING FOR BRADY FINSETH AND KATIE WEST. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

d. BUILDING PERMIT – ERIK HOLTER

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR ERIK HOLTER FOR A 30'X30' SHED. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

e. WATER COOLER INSTALLATION – HEAD START

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER COOLER IN THE HEAD START OFFICE. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,689.91. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

PETER TRANBY RECEIVED A QUOTE, FROM STRATA, OF \$2,000.00 FOR CLASS FIVE GRAVEL FOR THE ELECTRIC ONLY HOOKUPS AT ROHOLT PARK. COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO THE PURCHASE.

LUKE SYVERSON ASKED PETER TRANBY TO INSPECT THE GRADE ON THE CORNER OF RIVERSIDE AVENUE AND FOURTH STREET NE. THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT IT IS TOO LOW.

TOBY STROM REPORTED THAT HE'S BEEN ASKED BY SEVERAL RESIDENTS WHEN THE CITY STREETS ARE GOING TO BE REPAIRED. WHILE THE CITY CANNOT AFFORD TO COMPLETELY REDO ALL OF THE CITY STREETS, WE CAN MAKE A LIST OF THE AREAS IN MOST NEED AND CONTACT A PAVING COMPANY TO REPAIR THOSE AREAS.

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO ADJOURN AT 6:43. PASSED UNOPPOSED.