

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Megan Workman, Council Members: Kathy Galliger, Jason Henke, Julie Miller, Chris Dotzler

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Lon Nicko, Taylor Erickson, Mia Thibodeau – Fryberger Bond Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Megan Workman at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda.**
A motion to approve the agenda with the update for Resolution no. 2023-01-17C to change the revenue to \$600,000 dollars annually was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke and passed with all ayes.
3. **Consent Agenda.**
The following items were included in the consent agenda: - A motion was made by Jason Henke to pass the consent agenda, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all ayes.

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- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 01/03/2023
 - Accounts Payable:
 - City of Aitkin
Batch Name: CAP01172023 \$60,593.40
 - Liquor Store
Batch Name: LAP01172023 \$43,437.28
 - Financial Reports – Second Meeting of the Month As of 12/31/2022 (Prior to Audit)
 - Contract: Consulting Services; Madden Galanter Hansen (Labor Attorney renewal.)
 - Contract: Grant Award: IRRRB for Tank Trail Extension

A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all ayes.

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4. **Public Hearing:** There was no public hearing this evening.
 5. **Mayor's Report:**
 - The Mayor did not have a report this evening.
 6. **Administration Report:**
 - Administrator Skrbich requested that Councilors return their audit questionnaires.
 - **Old Business:**
 - There was no old business this evening.
 7. **New Business**
 - New hire recommendation Accounting Clerk – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the hiring of an Accounting Clerk, seconded by Jason Henke and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes
 - New hire recommendation PT Liquor Store Clerk – A motion was made by Jason Henke to hire a PT Liquor Store Clerk, seconded by Julie Miller and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes
 - Resolution No. 2023.01-17A Reissuance of RHHC Note Series 2022B _ Attorney Thibodeau presented an overview of the note/bond process and the partnership with the City of Aitkin and neighboring communities that are (sponsoring) the underwriting of bonds for the new hospital addition. There were a lot of specific questions, and she answered all questions related to the process. A motion was made by Julie Miller to approve the resolution, seconded by Jason Henke and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes
 - Resolution No. 2023-01-17B Authorize Issuance & Delivery of an Allonge & Amendment to Loan Attorney Thibodeau answered a couple of questions related to the Allonge, and a motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the resolution,

seconded by Jason Henke, and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes.

- Amendment to Loan Agreement – RHHC- Covered in the resolution above.
- Land Use Consulting Services, Jerry Bohnsack – A motion was made to approve the consulting agreement with Jerry Bohnsack -Jason Henke, seconded by Kathy Galliger and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes
- Amendment of 10/17/2022 City Council Minutes – The minutes were amended to reflect the proper owner for a special event. A motion was made by Jason Henke to approve the correction, seconded by Kathy Galliger, and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes.
- Special Event Permit: Aitkin Chamber of Commerce – Winter Wonderama, Event Date: 2-11-2023 – Chamber President Taylor Erickson told the Council about the event. A motion was made by Jason Henke to approve the permit, seconded by Kathy Galliger and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-No.
- Resolution No. 2023-01-17C Local Sales Tax: Administrator Skrbich noted the correction on the resolution of the revenue side to \$600,000 dollars annually. He provided an overview of the process and how the City came to select the chose areas. Mia Thibodeau also reviewed the process to discuss the desire for “regionality” in the funding request. After lengthy discussion, Councilor Henke made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Kathy Galliger and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-no.

8. Committee Reports:

- Park Committee: Jason Henke discussed the last Park Meeting and the upcoming Park Overview on 1-25-2023. Jen has posted for this meeting.

9. Comments from Visitors:

- Chris Dotzler discussed having a Fireworks Committee Meeting next week and Mike will get it set up. Chris also asked for Councilor Henke to reach out to student Jessica Much regarding a City Sign Project.

10. Closed Session per MN Stature 179A.01-179A.25 for Labor Negotiations:

- A motion was made by Chris Dotzler to suspend the Council Meeting and seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all ayes.
- The Council discussed labor negotiations with AFSCME, where we are with the contract, and how it is going with the bargaining units. They also discussed that all elements have been approved with AFSCME except the last one relating to compensation related to switching to the DAR.
- A motion was made by Jason Henke to end the closed session, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all ayes.
- A motion was made by Chris Dotzler to reopen the Council meeting, second by Jason Henke and approved with all ayes.
- A motion was made by Chris Dotzler to approve the AFSCME contract as presented for all items and to make a counteroffer on the last disputed item for a one-time \$1,0000.00 dollar payment added to the employee’s HSA or HCSA for the administrative group. The motion passed with all ayes.

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Megan Workman and approved with all ayes.

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Megan Workman
Mayor

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Mike Skrbich
City Administrator