

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 3, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Kathy Galliger, Julie Miller, Chris Dotzler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Megan Workman, Councilor Jason Henke

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Lon Nicko, Mike Hills, Amy Dotzler, Brian Pisarek

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Councilor Galliger at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Julie Miller and passed with all ayes.

3. **Consent Agenda.**

The following items were included in the consent agenda: - A motion was made by Chris Dotzler to pass the consent agenda, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all ayes.

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- Minutes – Special Work Session 3-20-2023
 - Minutes – Normal Council Meeting 3-20-2023

 - Accounts Payable:
 - City of Aitkin
Batch Name: CAP04032023 \$65,167.03
 - Liquor Store
Batch Name: LAP04032023 \$32,222.77
 - Financial Reports – Second Meeting of the Month
 - Minutes – PUC 1/17/2023
 - Agreement: Aitkin Co. Hwy Dept – City of Aitkin 2023/2024 Maintenance

4. **Public Hearing:** There was no public hearing this evening.

5. **Mayor's Report:**

- There was no Mayor's report this evening.

6. **Administration Report:**

- Reminder: Contractor Day is April 10 at the street shop, 7:30 am. Lon sent out invitations to the Council and expects 50-75 guests.

• **Old Business:**

- Bunker Hills Drive/Hospital Road Use Discussion – Administrator Skrbich and Street Supervisor Lon Nicko worked with Bolton & Menk and Riverwood to create a workable plan. Riverwood was able to get their structural steel in place before road restrictions, and they do not want to risk damaging the road. They will take other deliveries after road restrictions are done.

7. **New Business**

- Local Board of Equalization Powers/Duties Information – **(Decision to be made at the 4/17/2023 Meeting)** – It was asked if we could have a checklist from Mike Dangers available for the meeting and provided for the newspaper.
- Creamery Lot – Administrator Skrbich reported that there have been questions relating to the value of the lot and he will find out how much a commercial appraisal would be for that property.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- Personnel Committee: New Hire Recommendation; Accounting Clerk Kari Jacobson. – Councilor Galliger reported that the Personnel Committee interviewed 3 candidates and that Kari was the highest scoring candidate and the Personnel Committee would recommend to the Council to hire her for the position. - Councilor Dotzler made a motion to approve the hiring agreement with Kari Jacobson, seconded by Councilor Miller, and approved with all in favor.
- Public Works Committee: **Will meet on 4/10/23 at 9 am, Aitkin Public Library**

- EDA: 3/30/2023 Meeting: Councilor Miller reviewed the last meeting and noted that it was a bit of an introductory meeting with 3 new EDA Members. The current members of the EDA are Mark Wedel, Theresa Smude, Julie Miller, Jason Henke, Ed Anderson and Administrator Skrbich. She also noted that the EDA was doing a review of bylaws and the activities that EDA's can engage in. They will continue developing goals and strategies.


9. Comments from Visitors:

- Lon Nicko noted that sidewalks are full of ice and people should be careful when walking on streets and sidewalks. He also noted that the Wastewater Plant and the City are having trouble with “flushable toilet wipes” and clothing articles being flushed down toilets and plugging up lift pumps all over town. He will create an informational flyer for distribution later this Spring.
- Fire Chief Brian Pisarek mentioned that we have been preparing for potential flooding this Spring and the Fire Department, County, Wastewater, Street, and all departments are watching things very closely.

10. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all in favor.


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Megan Workman
Mayor


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Mike Skrbich
City Administrator