

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 1st, 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, Amy Wyant, Kat Robb

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Workman at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a yard waste discussion to old business and an engineering proposal for the Wastewater Facility Improvements to new business was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.

3. **Consent Agenda.**

The following items were included in the consent agenda: - A motion was made by Jason Henke to pass the consent agenda with a correction to the workshop minutes that Mayor Workman was unable to attend the last session, seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.

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- Minutes
 - Minutes – Normal Council Meeting 04-17-2023
 - Special Work Session Meeting 04-17-2023
 - Accounts Payable:
 - City of Aitkin
 - Batch Name: CAP05012023 \$199,705.88
 - Liquor Store
 - Batch Name: LAP05012023 \$49,276.21
 - Financial Reports – Second Meeting of the Month
 - Gambling Permit: Knights of Columbus/Event: 06/17/2023
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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:**

- Community Field House Update: -Mike is working with architect Travis Miller to have the project prepared to bid this week. He will move forward with seeking bids.
- IRRRB Preapplication: - Mike is working closely with Chris Ismil and has a preapplication in place currently.
- Water Tower PPL List – Mike is working with Bolton & Menk and the EPA to complete additional funding information.
- **Old Business:**
 - Creamery Lot Appraisal – Mike presented a quotation of \$950.00 from Johanneck Appraisals and a motion was made by Kathy Galliger to table the proposal until this is discussed at the next EDA Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.
 - Council Work Session – Everyone looked at the calendar and decided that we should have our next Council Work Session at the Council Meeting on 6/5/2023 at 4 PM in the Aitkin Public Library Meeting Room.
 - Lon Nicko explained about the yard waste cost of dumpsters and the times the County site would be open. Mike was asked to investigate if the City Could staff it on every 3rd Saturday morning from 9-12 with the first date being on 5-20-2023. Mike will work with the County to facilitate this.

7. **New Business**

- IRRRB Grant Contract; Welcome to Aitkin Signage Project - A motion was made by Julie Miller to accept the grant from the IRRRB for the project, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.

- Special Event Permit: Bark & Brew Fest – The event was discussed by the Council with input from Amy Wyant, Lon Nicko and Paul Ryan. A motion was made to approve the request by Jason Henke, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all in favor.
- Wastewater Facility Improvement Engineering Services Proposal, Bolton & Menk – Councilor Galliger from the PUC Board and Administrator Skrbich explained that this is for engineering facility improvements at our WWTP, and it dovetails with our grant applications and the PUC’s need to improve our facilities. A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the proposal, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.

8. Committee Reports:

- Planning and Zoning – Administrator Skrbich provided a review of the last meeting with the acceptance of Robert Muneke's retirement and that P&Z will be seeking applicants for his open commission seat.
- Airport Commission – Administrator Skrbich provided an update of the planning process that is going on regarding a future runway reconstruction at the airport. He also discussed the change in SAM and SOAR registration that he and Jen Thompson are working on with the FAA.
- Safety Demo Project – Councilor Henke and Lon Nicko discussed the safety demonstration project that will be going on this summer on Hwy 169, and the change in installation dates. The proposed installation date is 5/10/2023 with 5/16 and 5/24 being back-up dates.

9. Comments from Visitors.

Stan Gustafson from Aitkin Growth provided a letter of support from the Hospital and Talon Metals for the housing projects being proposed by INH Properties. Mike will work with Mark Jeffers and Shannon Sweeney to have a comprehensive review for the Planning Session on 6/5/2023.

For Your Information – The Aitkin County Hazardous Waste Collection Day is on 5/6/2023 from 9 -12. Also on 5/10/2023, Aitkin High School students are doing a clean up at the City Park.

10. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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