

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 5th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Julie Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Lon Nicko, Stan Gustafson, Tami Jacobs, Taylor Erickson, Amanda Lowe

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 was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.

3. **Consent Agenda.**

The following items were included in the consent agenda: - A motion was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke, and approved with all in favor.

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- Minutes
 - Minutes – Normal Council Meeting 05-15-2023
 - Accounts Payable:
 - City of Aitkin
Batch Name: CAP05312023 \$62,529.65
 - Liquor Store
Batch Name: LAP05312023 \$90,351.06
 - Financial Reports – Second Meeting of the Month as of 04/30/2023
 - Minutes: PUC 4/18/2023
 - Special Event: Legion – Riverboat Days/Street Closure 08/05/2023
 - 2023/2024 Liquor Licenses; 9 Renewals & 1 New Issue
 - Mutual Aid Agreement; Aitkin PD & St. Louis Co. Sheriff's Office

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:**

- Juneteenth Holiday is mandatory effective June 19, 2023
- REMINDER: Next meeting is Tuesday, June 20th
- REMINDER: July 17th is the only Council meeting in July. The City Administration Office will be closed on July 3rd.
- ARDC Planning: Mike mentioned participating in this and provided a flyer for the Council and encouraged them to get back with him if they have any questions or input for the coming highway projects.
- CBD Sales at Liquor Store: Mike provided an update to the Council on the new legality of selling these products at a liquor store. He will provide updates as they become available from the LMNC or the MMBA.
- **Old Business:** - There was no Old Business and Committee Reports were moved here.
 - Because of the rest of our schedule, Mayor Workman moved the committee reports up, so those people did not have to stay until after the closed session.
 - Park Committee: Councilor Henke discussed the bids coming in for the Community Center and also meeting in Tibbet's Park to discuss the location of the dog park. The Council noted that they would like Administrator Skrbich to discuss a credit line with a local bank to facilitate working on the Community Fieldhouse.
 - Councilor Dotzler made a motion to have Home Shield Pest Control do 3 treatments for \$290.00 per treatment to the main park area that abuts the ball fields and pickleball courts. The motion was seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all in favor.
 - Councilor Galliger discussed the new trees planted up at Tibbet's Park and the fact that they are all fruit bearing trees to provide food for wildlife.

7. New Business

- EDA; CBP Loan – Curio North – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke and the Mayor called the vote: Dotzler-yes, Henke-yes, Galliger-yes, the motion passed with all in favor.
- Resolution no. 2023-06-05A; Authorize Closing of Fund 807 & Transfer Balance to Fund 802 – A motion was made by Jason Henke, seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all in favor.

8. Committee Reports:

- Park

9. Comments from Visitors.

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

- Councilor Dotzler made a motion to suspend the open meeting, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.
- Mayor Workman reviewed the contract discussion with LELS and the DAR Matrix that all City employees have been placed on.
- Councilor Galliger made a motion to close the closed meeting and resume the normal meeting, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.

11. New Business (Resumed)

- Approval of LELS (Police Dept) Union Contract – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the contract, seconded by Jason Henke and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes.
- Resolution No. 2023-06-05B; Placing Administrator on DAR Matrix & Step Increase – Councilor Dotzler made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Galliger and the Mayor called the vote: Dotzler-yes, Henke-no, Galliger-yes, the resolution passed.

12. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM was made by Jason Henke, seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.

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Megan Workman
Mayor

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Mike Skrbich
City Administrator