

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 21, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Stan Gustafson, Citizens: Dave Ashton, Tami Jacobs, Seth Jacobs, Gary Tibbits, Mike Hills, Tim Schreifels, Pat Murphy, Jessica Seibert, Lucille Franzen, Mark Jeffers, Shannon Sweeney-David Drown & Associates

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Megan Workman at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

A motion to approve the agenda 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 to approve the consent agenda was made by Julie Miller, seconded by Jason Henke, and approved with all in favor.

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- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 08/7/2023
 - Minutes – PUC 07-18-2023
 - Accounts Payable:
 - City of Aitkin
Batch Name: CAP 08172023 - \$76,188.52
 - Liquor Store
Batch Name: LAP 08172023 –\$80,116.89
 - Financial Reports: - As of 7/31/2023
 - Resolution 2023-08-21A Allowing Aitkin Co. to retain voter funds.
 - Gambling Permit: Aitkin Quarterbacks Club Event 10/27/2023
 - Resolution 2023-08-21B Authorize Transfer from 401 to 104
 - Liquor License #2023-17; 40 Club Inc, (New ownership 9/01/23- Danielle & Jeff Lehrke)
 - Liquor License #2023-18; T&J Dagen Hospitality Inc (Banquet Center Only)
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4. **Public Hearing:** a) Open Public Hearing at 6:02 PM
b) Presentation by Shannon Sweeney
c) Call for Public Comment – There were 18 different people who presented their opinions regarding the need for these projects, and they are all reflected in the recorded minutes.
d) Close Public Hearing at 6:53 PM
e) Council Official Action:

Resolution No. 2023-08-21C Approve Abatement for Workforce Housing: - A motion was made by Jason Henk to approve the abatement for workforce housing, seconded by Julie Miller and the Mayor called the vote: Dotzler-no, Henke-yes, Miller-yes, Galliger-yes The resolution passed 4-1.

Resolution No. 2023-08-21D Approve Abatement for Senior Housing – A motion was made by Julie Miller to approve the abatement with the amended dates for the Senior Housing by Julie Miller, seconded by Jason Henk and the Mayor called the vote: Dotzler-no, Henke-yes, Miller-yes, Galliger-no, Workman-yes, The resolution passed 3-2.

5. **Mayor's Report:** The Mayor asked to have a Budget Workshop set up for Council dates 09/05 & 09/18 to be held at 4PM before the normal Council meeting. The meeting on the 5th will need to be held at the Police Station before the normal Council meeting. Mike will bring in 2 department heads for the meeting. If we meet on the 18th, it will be at 4 PM at the library. A motion was made to approve the budget session by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler, and approved with all in favor.

6. Administration Report:

- B&M Water 300,000 Gallon Water Storage - Engineering Proposal – Administrator Skrbich discussed the contract and the need to approve it to move forward with B&M and the EPA. A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the contract, seconded by Jason Henke and the Mayor called the vote: Dotzler-yes, Henke-yes, Miller-yes, Galliger-yes
- B&M LRIP Grant Application – Cost Proposal – A motion was made by Julie Miller to approve the contract, seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all in favor.
- ARDC – Administrator Skrbich mentioned that the ARDC survey is out there, and they would appreciate it if more people would complete the survey. Councilor Miller also suggested that Mike forward the information to the Chamber of Commerce, and he will follow up on that.

7. Old Business:

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8. New Business

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9. Committee Reports:

- Public Works: will be meeting on Thursday 08/24 to review plans.
- Budget Committee:
- Planning and Zoning:
- Park Committee: Jason mentioned that the contract for the building has been signed.
- Library:
- Airport Commission: – Mike discussed the Airport Commission’s desire to build a new terminal at the airport and he also noted that the FAA was here last week to go over final plans for the runway rebuild in 2024.
- Personnel Committee: - Julie Miller requested more information on Department Head Reviews and Mike noted that the Personnel Committee wanted him to create a draft for protocols that matches the City Personnel Policy and the Administrator’s job description. Mike will show it to the Personnel Committee at their next meeting.
- EDA:
- Fireworks:

10. Comments from Visitors: -There were no comments from visitors this evening.

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.

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Megan Workman
Mayor

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Mike Skrbich
City Administrator