

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 6, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Kat Robb of the Aitkin Independent Age, Mike Hills, Stan Gustafson

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 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 and the payables to have the summary printed for our next meeting was made by Julie Miller, seconded by Kathy Galliger, and approved with all in favor.

• Accounts Payable: N/A

○ City of Aitkin

○ Liquor Store

• Financial Reports:

• Resolution No. 2023 -11-06C Designating 2024 Polling Precinct

• Resolution No 2023-11-06B Authorize LRIP Funding Application (Bunker Hill Drive)

• Event Permit: Fish House SK & Sip & Stroll 11/24/23.

• 2024 Tobacco License Renewal (6 licenses attached)

4. **Public Hearing:** N/A

5. **Mayor's Report:**

• None

6. **Administration Report:** - City Offices will be CLOSED on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day

7. **Old Business:**

• Creamery Lot Discussion – A motion was made to develop an RFP for the proposed sale and use of the property at the appraised value of \$75,000 dollars by Julie Miller, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor. Deadline of 12/18/23

8. **New Business**

• Ordinance No. 410 Summary (for publication) – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger for publication of 410, seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.

• Ordinance No. 410 Regulating the use of Cannabis in Public Places – A motion was made by Cris Dotzler to approve Ordinance No. 410, seconded by Jason Henke, and approved with all in favor.

• Resolution No. 2023-11-06A Allocation #3 (Final) ARPA Funds – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the resolution, seconded by Julie Miller and the Mayor called the vote: Galliger-yes, Miller-yes, Henke-yes, Dotzler-yes.

• 2024 Meeting Schedule – A motion was made by Jason Henke to approve the schedule, seconded by Julie Miller and approved with all in favor.

• Purchase of Police Firearms – A motion was made by Jason Henke to approve the purchase of contract–negotiated firearms by January 1st and use the Public safety Funds that we will be receiving this year. It was seconded by Chris Dotzler and approved with all in favor.

• Hospital Entrance – Councilor Henke asked Mike and Lon to check on the hospital's intention on the 4th Ave SE & Sixth Street traffic and where the new location will be for the surgical center entrance.

9. **Committee Reports:**


- Public Works: n/a
- Budget Committee: - Mike noted the Teamster's insurance premium will rise 1.5%.
- Planning and Zoning: (Next Meeting 11/13/2023)
 - Planning Commission Member Appointment Recommendation – David Ashton – A motion was made by Chris Dotzler to approve the recommendation, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.
 - Extend term of Megan Workman, Steve Loscheider, & Mark Jeffers – A motion was made by Kathy Galliger to approve the term extensions, seconded by Jason Henk and approved with all in favor.
- Park Committee:
 - Chris Dotzler noted that he and Jason are having difficulty selling the fireworks raffle tickets and they need to be done by 5 pm on 11/25.
- Library:
- Airport Commission: It was noted that the contract extensions are prepared and awaiting signature by Adam Forsberg.
- Personnel Committee: (Next Meeting 11/08/2023)
 - Liquor Store Clerk Hiring Recommendation to hire Jamie Welle. – A motion was made to approve the hiring of Jamie Wile on condition that she passes her background check by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all in favor.
 - MOU between City and Admin Staff for opt out of City Insurance with payment in lieu of. – A motion was made by Julie Miller to approve the MOU, seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all in favor.
- EDA: (Next meeting 1/25/24)
- Fireworks: Were discussed during the Park discussion.

10. Comments from Visitors:

The tree board met recently, and the Street Department has begun to cut down ash trees and is informing residents of this activity.

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM was made by Kathy Galliger, 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