

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 15, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Police Chief Colter Riedel, Kat Robb, Paige VanPelt, Stan Gustafson, Tony Mindrum, Darren Tollakson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Jason Henke. Motion carried with all voting aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 7/2/2024
- Accounts Payable
  - City
  - Liquor Store
- Event Permit: Aitkin Legion; Event 8/3/2024
- Resolution No. 2024-07-15B Data Access Policy & Authority (Annual Update)

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler. Motion carried with all voting aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- **Ordinance 411**
    - Consideration of Ordinance 411, an interim moratorium prohibiting the establishment of new uses, or the expansion of existing uses related to the sales, testing, cultivating, manufacturing, and distribution of cannabis products.
1. **Opening:** The public hearing was called to order by the Mayor at 6:02 PM.
  2. **Public Comments:** No comments from the public were heard.
  3. **Closing:** The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03 PM.

A motion to approve Ordinance 411 as presented as made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with all voting aye.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- None

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- **Notice of Candidate Filing**
  - Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted at the City Administrator's Office during the filing period of July 30 through August 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the following City Council seats. The candidates will appear on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot.
    - Council Member – 4-year term
    - Council Member – 4-year term
    - Mayor – 4-year term

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Tax Abatement Extension (Bunker Hill Property/INH Property Management)**
  - Resolution No. 2024-07-15A Amending Resolution No. 2023-08-21C and the first amendment to the development agreement were presented to the council for approval. A motion to approve the resolution and the first amendment was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke. The motion carried with all voting aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **DNR Grant #LW27-01424**
  - Amendment #6 – The amendment removes the fieldhouse from the project scope. Due to the overruns on the hockey/rink pickleball court the city fulfilled it's financial obligation but to close the grant out and receive the final payment

Amendment #6 must be executed. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Jason Henke. The motion carried with all voting aye.

- **City Planning Services**

- A proposal for City Planning Services from Bolton and Menk was presented to the Council for approval. The services are on an as needed basis. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler. The motion carried with all voting aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Draft Minutes 7/8/2024 Mtg.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

- None.

**PARK COMMITTEE**

- None.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

- None

**AIRPORT COMMISSION**

- None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- Police Officer position: A motion to approve the conditional offer letter to Colton Cobb Grade STA6, Step 2 (\$29.92 on the 2024 Wage Scale & MOA) was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- Police Officer position: A motion to approve the conditional offer letter to Keith Bennett Grade STA6, Step 6 (\$33.49 on the 2024 Wage Scale & MOA) was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with all voting aye.

**EDA**

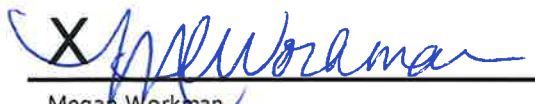
- None.

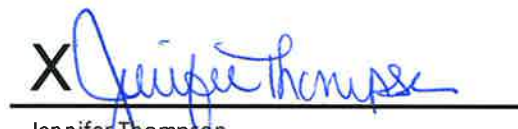
**COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler. The motion carried with all voting aye.

  
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Megan Workman  
Mayor

  
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Jennifer Thompson  
City Administrator