

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 19, 2024

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Acting Mayor Jason Henke, Council Members Chris Dotzler, Julie Miller & Kathy Galliger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Assistant Police Chief Drew Boldt, Fire Chief Brian Pisarek, Kat Robb, Tami Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Addition: NWTG Gobblers Gambling Permit. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler. Motion carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08-19A

Acting Mayor Jason Henke read Megan Workman's resignation letter. The council reviewed a resolution to accept the mayor's resignation, effective August 14, 2024, declare a vacancy, and invite letters of interest for the appointment to the mayor's position. Julie Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-08-19A, with Kathy Galliger providing the second. The motion with all voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to new business: Aitkin Women of Today 10/13/2024 Event Permit. The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 8/5/2024
- Accounts Payable
 - City
 - Liquor Store
- Event Permit; ISD #1/Jet – Career Day 9/26/2024
- Resolution No. 2024-08-19B Authorize Gambling Permit App Aitkin Co. Pheasants Forever 10/30/2024
- Minutes; PUC 7/16/2024
- Aitkin PD; Department update from Chief Riedel

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- **Nuisance Property**
 - The property located at 113 4th St NE; Aitkin will advance to the next step in the nuisance abatement process. The property owner will have an opportunity to appear in front of the council to be heard at the September 3rd Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Street Dept.**
 - Street Supervisor Nicko requested authorization to purchase a 2011 Ford 550 pickup truck, equipped with a dump box and a 9ft Boss V-plow, to replace the 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck that has recently become inoperable due to transmission failure. The truck is available for purchase from the City of Canton and has been municipally owned and dealer maintained. Chris Dotzler made a motion to approve the purchase at a cost of \$35,000, which was seconded by Kathy Galliger. The motion carried with all voting aye.

- **Gambling Permit:**

- A motion to approve a gambling permit for the Aitkin Gobblers NWTF event on 9/28/2024 was made by Julie Miller, seconded by Chris Dotzler. The motion carried with all voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- **Proposal from Bolton & Menk**

- The council reviewed a proposal from Bolton & Menk regarding a roof evaluation and the replacement of rooftop heating and air conditioning units. Fire Chief Brian Pisarek recommended deferring the roof evaluation until further consultation with the Public Works Committee. Following this discussion, it was decided to forego the evaluation of the rooftop units.

- **Fire Department Rooftop Heating/Cooling Unit Quote**

- Two quotes were received for the replacement of the rooftop heating unit at the Fire Department: Granite City at \$24,919 and Lundberg Plumbing & Heating at \$20,050. Fire Chief Pisarek recommended approving the quote from Lundberg Plumbing & Heating. A motion to approve the quote from Lundberg Plumbing & Heating was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with Dotzler and Miller voting aye, Galliger opposed.

PLANNING & ZONING

- **None.**

PARK COMMITTEE

- Draft minutes 8/13/2024 Meeting

LIBRARY BOARD

- **None.**

AIRPORT COMMISSION

- **None.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- **None.**

EDA

- **None.**

COMMENTS

- **None.**

CLOSED SESSION (Per Minn. Statute §13D.05, Subd. 3(b))

A motion to close the open meeting and open the closed session at 7:12 p.m. was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Chris Dotzler. The motion carried with all voting aye.

In the closed session the council discussed the option of appealing the District Court's decision.

A motion to close the closed session and reopen the public meeting was made at 7:35 by Chris Dotzler and seconded by Kathy Galliger.

OPEN SESSION: Upon reopening the Council meeting, a motion to not appeal the District Court's decision was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Kathy Galliger. The motion carried with all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Kathy Galliger. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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Jason Henke
Acting Mayor

X



Jennifer Thompson
City Administrator