

City of Paisley
Minutes of August 1, 2017
Regular Meeting

1.0 Call To Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Council meeting of the City of Paisley was held on August 1, 2017 at Paisley City Hall. Mayor Dale Blair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Dale Blair, Ralph Paull, Ruth Robinson, Robert Davis and Dale Roberts. Others in attendance; 10 members of the public and Melissa Walton, City Recorder.

2.0&3.0 Agenda Approval & Consent Calendar

Dale Roberts moved, Ralph Paull 2nd to approve the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, the July 11, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, the July Invoices and the August 1, 2017 Agenda, MCU.

4.0 Public Input

Mary Lou Sanchez expressed concern on steps taken to fill the seat that had been left vacant by the resignation of Dick Mecham. Mrs. Sanchez asks that “if someone steps out of their comfort zone to fill an open position and Council does not want them in that position to please let them know before they’ve gone through all the motions”. Mrs. Sanchez has also donated a clock hanging in the large room at the Community Center.

Joan Riha addressed Council with concerns on the water rate increase asking what percentage of people use just the basic rate and why not increase the overages also rather than just the basic. Councilor Ruth Robinson explained the overages may need to increase also. Community members also suggested implementing a sliding scale, increasing the basic rate along with a percentage increase and using a waiver for those with a fixed income that cannot afford the increase. Mayor Blair stated that Council is aware of the residents in town that are on a fixed income but unfortunately the rates have to increase to pay for the continuation of the arsenic treatment to keep the City in compliance. Further stating Council is trying to be fair and objective. Yvonne Duckworth stated she has arsenic poisoning and believes it’s from the City water. She recommends that every-one be tested. She has been ordered by her doctor to buy bottled water for drinking. Council set a Special Meeting date for Tuesday, August 8 to address the water rate issue.

Joan Riha also addressed road maintenance, asking if there was money set aside in the budget for repairs. Council replied there is a very small amount set aside, but unfortunately the City doesn’t have excess funds to address all issues. The City has received a grant for the repair of Willow and West Streets.

Cami Carder stated she had been told there was a new person coming in to take over the Water and Sewer Maintenance. Mayor Blair replied no decisions have been made, there is someone interested but they will not be moving to Paisley until April 2018 at the earliest. Furthermore the job would need to be posted with a valid job description and applications taken. There are also certifications that have to be met before anyone else could begin.

Cami Carder also expressed concerns about integrating ICFC and City Hall. Stating it could be done but the risk of comingling the two jobs is prevalent.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Mosquito Festival Update Mayor Blair commends Patty Westgate and all the volunteers on a job well done. To date with revenues received and expenses paid there is a tentative profit of \$5606.22. Mrs. Westgate told the Recorder earlier there were 650 people served at the BBQ and about 400 at the Sunday Breakfast.

5.2 Damage to City Building, Repairs Adam Albertson submitted a bid of \$5150.00 for repairs including screwing the roof down and caulking nails. Mayor Blair will contact Mr. Albertson to make sure this includes the end pieces.

5.3 ODOT Grant Update Melissa Walton stated she has not received an answer concerning grinding the asphalt. This is to be included in the Special Meeting, August 8, 2017.

5.4 Water Rate Increase Councilor Ralph Paull expressed concern about increasing rates for those on a fixed income. During discussion it was also suggested to charge \$20.00 water base fee for those using up to 3000 gallons of water then charging \$30.00 for 3100 gallons and above. Council agrees to table the discussion and hold a Special Meeting next Tuesday. A notice will be sent out if the rates are to increase.

5.5 Possibility of moving daily tasks of City Hall to the ICFC building After discussion in which some members of the Community thought the idea was great while others expressed concern, mostly over spending money, Council voted 3-2 against moving the daily tasks away from the Community Center.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Proposal from Surprise Valley Electric Mayor Blair read the proposal aloud. The power plant needs 200 to 250 gallons per minute to run and SVEC is proposing \$.40/1000 gallon cost. Community members expressed concern that the City doesn't have enough excess water to meet the needs required and that the rate proposed was too low. Councilors are also concerned about the extra chemicals needed and the wear and tear on the plant. It was explained

that the monitoring system proposed by SVEC would be used to check water levels not in keeping the tank full. Having the monitoring system at the power plant would enable SVEC to use water when excess water was available and their on-site employees would be available 24/7 for monitoring, requiring no extra work for the City. Community members also suggested looking into the pricing of a monitoring system. Mayor Blair asked the Recorder to send the proposal to the City's lawyer for perusal. The matter will be further discussed at the August 8 meeting.

6.2 Dennis O'Leary, John Merwin lot (horseshoe pits) Mr. O'Leary presented a map with the proposed partition of Mr. Merwin's lot located within Section 24 Township 33 S, Range 18 E, W.M. He stated Mr. Merwin may or may not build but wants to partition the lots for future use. **Dale Roberts moved, Ralph Paull 2nd to accept the proposed partition of John Merwin's lot, MCU.**

7.0 Executive Session None

8.0 Correspondence / Reports

Melissa Walton presented an email received concerning floodplains. Kat Maloney would like to speak with anyone familiar with floodplain management.

Melissa Walton also stated to Council that in working to set up the PayPal account on the City website she found that the stipulation for approval, no fees to the City, could not be met, thus stopping the addition of PayPal for the City. She will continue to look into other avenues.

9.0 Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next Regular Meeting will be September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Paisley City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Walton
Recorder / Treasurer

Date

Approval

Dale Blair Mayor

Date