

City of Paisley
Minutes of September 6, 2016
Regular Meeting

1.0 Call To Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Council meeting of the City of Paisley was held on August 2, 2016 at Paisley City Hall. Mayor Dale Blair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Dale Blair, Ralph Paull, Dick Mecham, Ronne Lindsay and Robert Davis Others in attendance; 23 members of the public and Melissa Walton, City Recorder.

2.0 Agenda Approval

Ralph Paull moved and Ronne Lindsay 2nd to approve the Agenda with the addition of 4.1 Ramp at Homestead, 4.2 Mosquito Festival 2017, 4.3 Vector Control for 2017 and 4.4 Speeding Within City Limits (Hwy 31 & Mill St.). MCU

3.0 Consent Calendar

3.1 Minutes for August 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and 3.3 August Invoices. Ralph Paull moved and Ronne Lindsay 2nd to approve the Consent Calendar. MCU

4.0 Public Input

4.1 Ramp at The Homestead Larry Duckworth stated he would like to see a handicap ramp installed at the end of the sidewalk by The Homestead. Mr. Duckworth stated that there is a “ramp” beside the Pioneer but he doesn’t feel it’s safe and it also places a person in the mud and gravel when they come off of it. If there was a ramp installed at the end of the sidewalk by The Homestead it would place a person in close proximity to the crosswalk on Highway 31. Mr. Duckworth is willing to solicit the materials for the ramp and believes the community service workers out of Lakeview would be able to do the labor. He is asking the City to gain permission from the landowner for the variance. **Ronne Lindsay moved and Ralph Paull 2nd to gain approval from the landowner for a variance to install a handicap ramp. The ramp is to be built with materials solicited by Larry Duckworth. All contingent upon approval of the Probation Depart using the Community Service workers for labor. MCU.** It was also suggested contacting ODOT concerning right of way.

4.2 Mosquito Festival 2017 Mayor Blair told the Community Members gathered that the Mosquito Festival Committee has had a hard time finding volunteers the past few years nor has the Festival been very profitable, hence the question had come up as to continuing the Mosquito Festival next year. The most recent Chair for Mosquito Festival had quite a few volunteers when she began but when it came time for Festival there

weren't many around. Mayor Blair stated that the chair person had done a pretty good job with what she had. Currently the Festival is sitting at a \$27.25 profit for this year. A Community Member asked what would happen with vector control if there was no longer a Festival? Mayor Blair replied there would have to be another means found to raise the money for mosquito control. It is an issue the Council doesn't take lightly, the main concern being mosquito borne illnesses. It was noted by several members that this year hadn't been a big "mosquito year", they hadn't noticed or been bothered by many. Other members felt it had been a normal year for mosquito and they had been bothered. There were different suggestions as to keeping the mosquitos under control such as mosquito eating fish, larvae barriers and bats. One member asked what Council felt the reason was for lack of revenue, to which Mayor Blair stated attendance is down. Another reason being insurance. The City's insurance requires vendors to have a \$1,000,000 liability waiver for events. Most of the small time vendors that came in for the Festival couldn't afford to pay a vendor fee plus pay for an insurance policy for that weekend not to mention fuel for traveling. Another person suggested combining the Festival with the Rodeo, believing the rodeo brings more people into town. To which the Council commented the two events complement each other, the Rodeo Club leased the arena from the City and half of their proceeds from Mosquito Festival come to the City. It was also suggested asking the Rodeo Club to not have food vendors in order to sell more at the BBQ in town. Superintendent Bill Wurtz reminded Council the Centennial for the School is next year. A couple of juniors have set up a project in combination with the Mosquito Festival and feel this will be a big draw to bring people into town. Lee Pangburn stated he's been doing a lot of research into malathion and alternative measures for vector control. He suggested bats are one of the best ways to go. People would need to build bat houses but they are easy and cheap to build. There are also other chemicals that are not as harmful such as barriers that sterilize. One point he brought up is that malathion cannot freeze and the building this has been sitting in isn't heated. He also said that spraying at night or very first thing in the morning is best, there is usually an inversion and bees and other small animals are asleep so they aren't affected by the chemical. A few community members suggested not spraying for next year and seeing where we stood. But others pointed out that maybe we didn't have many mosquitos this year because we've always sprayed so rigorously and have knocked it down a ways, then if we didn't spray we would be bombarded again. Bruce Gibbons stated he was a part of the process in sitting everything up originally. And in his studies the malathion was not proven to be a carcinogen. He stated with a larvacide a stiff wind will bring the mosquitos back in off the marsh where they haven't been sprayed, therefore starting a whole new "crop". Bruce stated that in the past they've tried all different ways; fish, larvacide, barriers, nothing works alone. He believes you have to use a couple different methods at the same

time. Mayor Blair stated that no decision was going to be reached tonight but hearing everyone's opinions and ideas is what Council needs to decide what direction to take next. More research and ideas are always welcome.

4.3 **Vector Control** Discussed above with Mosquito Festival.

4.4 **Speeding within City Limits** Mayor Blair and other Council Members have been approached by several Community Members concerned with speeding through the middle of town on Highway 31 and speeding up and down Mill St. Mayor Blair stated to the assembly that Council has been in touch with ODOT about extending the school zone north up to the crosswalk or further up to John St. We would like a flashing speed limit sign. Council Member Ralph Paull added we would like to move the signs further up the hill for people driving south into town getting them slowed before they started down the hill. The state is going to contact the School about having kids cross in a different spot. Council and Community Members would like to see Sheriff Taylor at the next meeting to discuss the issue. It was suggested going to local businesses asking them to email ODOT asking for changes or even circulating a petition around town.

5.0 **Old Business**

5.1 **Mosquito Festival Update** Melissa Walton stated to Council she is still waiting on proceeds from the Rodeo Club. **Ronne Lindsay moved, Ralph Paull 2nd to hold the 2017 Mosquito Festival in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration limiting the events to a few good things rather than a lot of things we are unable to find volunteers for. Also contingent upon finding a Chairperson by January. MCU.**

6.0 **New Business**

6.1 **Variance, Wes Houston** Melissa reported to Council she had sent letters to landowners within 250 feet of Mr. Houston's property concerning the variance. She has included all responses within Council packets. **Ronne Lindsay moved, Dick Meham 2nd to approve the variance for Wes Houston. MCU.**

6.2 **Vector Control** Lee Pangburn stated to Council the truck used for spraying is a mess and he would like something to be done with it but is unsure what's best. Mayor Blair is willing to speak with someone in Lakeview concerning having the truck deep cleaned. **Ronne Lindsay moved, Ralph Paull 2nd to pay to deep clean the truck if feasible. MCU.**

6.3 **Food Share Building Bathroom** Melissa stated to Council that the Paisley Disaster Unit had approached asking if it would be alright to build

a door into the back of the Food Share Building that would access the bathroom there. This would give them a bathroom to use during training exercises. The door would be locked on the Food Share side so that there wasn't any access into it. **Ronne Lindsay moved, Robert Davis 2nd to approve the Disaster Unit building an access into the bathroom at Food Share as long as PDU provided the materials and the labor. There would also be a monthly water/sewer charge. MCU.**

7.0 Executive Session

None

8.0 Correspondence / Reports

None.

9.0 Adjournment Robert Davis moved, Ronne Lindsay 2nd to adjourn meeting at 8:41 pm. MCU.

Next Meeting:

The next Regular Meeting will be October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Paisley City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Walton
Recorder / Treasurer

Date

Approval

Dale Blair Mayor

Date