

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

January 24, 2023

7:00 PM

City Hall



CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:
Leah Juarez
Council Members:
Cherie Butcher
Sara McCarthy
Brad Neumiller
Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Leah Juarez
Council Member Cherie Butcher
Council Member Sara McCarthy
Council Member Brad Neumiller
Council Member Tim Sutherland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

1. Council Meeting Minutes 1-10-2023

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

City Licenses

2. New and Renewal of Business and Contractor Licenses 1-24-2023

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

Financial Approvals

3. Fire Payroll: 1-1-2023 to 1-12-2023

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

4. Regular/Police Payroll: 1-2-2023 to 1-15-2023

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

5. Financial Breakdown Reports: 1-24-2023

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

6. Treasurer Report Dec 2022

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Resolution 2023-1: A Resolution Regarding Certain Accounts

Motion made by Council Member McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Neumiller.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

COUNCIL APPROVALS

8. Council Votes for a Council President

Mayor asked if there were any nominations for Council President. Council Member Sutherland nominated Council Member Neumiller. Council Member Butcher nominated Council Member McCarthy. Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. If there be no other nominations I will bring this to a vote. Mayor asked for a vote for Councilman Neumiller. Councilman Sutherland voted yes and Councilman Neumiller voted yes. Mayor asked for votes for Councilman McCarthy. Councilman McCarthy voted yes, Councilman Butcher voted yes. Mayor stated two votes for Councilman Neumiller and two votes for Councilman McCarthy. Mayor stated that she is going to exercise her right to vote in a tie break. Mayor Juarez votes for Sara McCarthy as Council President. She introduced Sara McCarthy as the Council President.

9. Council Approves the Hays Application to Vacate

Mayor asked for a report from staff which is the City Attorney. The City Attorney stated for the record that the engineers and planning have been in favor of this vacate, with certain stipulations. The City Council should provide since this is narrowing the street to the owner of the large piece of land which is occupied by the Komma. Be allowed an exception to the property if the property ever be developed the width of the street in question which is Harding Ave be 50 ft instead of the required 60 ft that is standard. We do not wish the grant of this application to show prejudice to this land owner. So the motion should be is to approve the Hays application to vacate with that stipulation attached to it. So the record can be made and the record of the proceedings be given to that land owner.

Motion made by Council Member Sutherland, Seconded by Council Member Neumiller.

Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wish to speak in favor of the application to vacate. She asked this three times. Then, the Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition to vacate. Jim Komma spoke up and he is the owner of the large piece of land to the north. He stated that this all has been unclear to him. He thought that he owned to the middle of the road. He did not sign it because he does not understand it. Councilman Neumiller stated that back in 2003 was platted as a 60ft street. Natrona County was going to vacate western 10ft of the 60 ft. It was showed on the plat that was approved but we cannot find that plat. So what we are doing now is vacating the 10 ft and making it a 50 ft wide street. They do not own to the center of the street. Mr. Komma said it is a public street and Councilman Neumiller stated it is a public street. What is on the ground is a 50 ft wide road and we are just making it legal and if you decided to subdivide or anyone else that would still be allowed a legal access to the subdivision and not hinder your access to your property. That is the reason for this. He just wants to make sure he still has a road and he is glad that someone is making it clear. Mayor asked that is why we had the City Attorney to speak on this issue. All those in favor the Mayor asked is Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak in open discussion. Mayor asked again, is there was anyone in the audience that wishes to speak in open discussion. For a final and third time is there anyone in the audience that wishes to speak in open discussion. No one spoke up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Legal Issue

Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a legal issue at 7:14pm.

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member McCarthy.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Mayor closed the Council Meeting.

Back from Executive Session at 7:41pm.

Action: Mayor asked the City Attorney to state the action. The action would be for the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to communicate to outside council a desire to remain in place.

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland.

11. Legal Issue

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Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member McCarthy.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Mayor closed the Council Meeting.

Back from Executive Session at 8:05pm.

Action: No Action Taken

12. Legal Issue

Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Legal Issue at 8:05pm.

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller, Seconded by Council Member Butcher.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Mayor closed the Council Meeting.

Back from Executive Session at 8:16pm.

Action: No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

Motion made by Council Member McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.
Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member McCarthy, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland.

NEXT MEETING - February 14th, 2023 @ 7:00pm/ February 28th, 2023 @ 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - February 13th, 2023 @ 9:00am/ February 28th, 203 @ 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez


City Clerk, Christine Trumbull