

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**August 27, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**City Hall**



**CITY OF MILLS**  
EST. 1921

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

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Juarez  
President McCarthy  
Council Butcher  
Council Neumiller  
Council Sutherland

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPOINTMENT**

1. Planning & Zoning Board - Robin Baye

The Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Robin Baye to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion made by Council President McCarthy to approve, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland.

Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor closed the Council Meeting at 7:01pm

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm

2. Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Juarez now declared the Public Hearing opened for consideration of the Community Development Plan. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with state statutes, mills council procedures and other applicable laws. The hearing has been set and advertised in accordance with the statutes. I would ask that those individuals who wish to address the council on this issue to approach the lectern and state your name for the record. Do we have a report from the staff on this item? Sabrina Kemper, Community Development Director for City of Mills approached the lectern. Mrs. Kemper informed council that there are going to be two public hearings for the finishing water storage tank grant we received through WCDA. The program was originally through business council, but has transferred to WCDA. This is the second requirement for the grant. The Mayor asked three times if anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of this item? The Mayor asked three times if there was anyone in the audience that wishes to speak in opposition of this item. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition of this item she now declares the meeting closed at 7:04pm.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:04pm

3. Liquor License Renewals FY25 -

Backwards Distilling Company, Bayou Liquors, Diesels Bar & Grill, Mountain View Sinclair, Maverik #547, Mountain View Discount Liquors, Hideaway Bar & Package, Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits, Unlocked Vines, and Wyoming Downs

Mayor Juarez now declared the Public Hearing opened for the consideration of the Liquor License Renewals for Backwards Distilling Company, Bayou Liquors, Diesels Bar & Grill, Mountain View Sinclair, Maverik #547, Mountain View Discount Liquors, Hideaway Bar & Package, Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits, Unlocked Vines, and Wyoming Downs. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the state statutes, Mills Council procedures and other applicable laws. The hearing has been set and advertised in accordance with the statutes. I could ask those individuals who wish to address the council on this issue to approach the lectern and state your name for the record. Do I have a report from staff? No report. The Mayor asked Chris Volzke, owner of Unlocked Vines to come forward. The Mayor stated we have a unique situation, we can't inspect your building for fire, because you do not have a building. When do you expect it to be completed? Mr. Volzke responded that he has asked Barns by Design and they are behind on the project, but their target completion date is the middle of October. The Mayor asked Mr. Volzke, if we vote and hold your license, does that affect any of your business operations? He replied that it would not, the federal bond is predicated on that building being completed. The vines themselves are growing but they cannot start fermenting wine until the building is completed. The City Attorney asked about the time lapse between completing the building and the federal bond being granted. Mr. Volzke answered that the federal bond has already been granted. It was granted on the site plan of the building, so it is contingent upon completion of the building. No other questions were asked. The Mayor asked three times, is there anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of this item? Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak in opposition of this item? Seeing that there is no others to speak for or against this item, she now declared this public hearing closed at 7:08pm

Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7:09pm

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

4. Council Meeting Minutes 8-13-24

**City Licenses**

5. New and Renewal Business/Contractors Licenses

**Financial Approvals**

6. Financial Breakdown
7. ACH Transactions
8. Transmittal Transactions
9. Payroll Fire 7-30-24 to 8-10-24
10. Payroll Fire 8-11-24 to 8-22-24
11. Payroll Regular/Police 8-12-24 to 8-25-24

12. Voided Checks

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

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

President McCarthy asked Mr. Volzke about his vines and discussed the future plans of planting more.

Motion made by Council Member Neumiller to approve all Liquor Licenses, except Unlocked Vines, we will hold until the completion of the building and a fire inspection before the certificate of occupancy has been completed. Seconded by Council President McCarthy. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, President McCarthy, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**13. RESOLUTION NO 2024-33**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT ARPA GRANTS APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF MILLS

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:14pm


Council Member Sutherland made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Council Member Butcher. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland


**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

**NEXT MEETING** - September 10, 2024 at 7:00pm / September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm

**NEXT WORK SESSION** - September 9, 2024 at 9:00am / September 10, 2024 at 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

  
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City Clerk, Sarah Osborn

