

City of Mokane

January 9, 2025 @ 6:30pm
City Maintenance Building
Meeting Minutes

Mayor, Chad Booher, declared meeting open at 6:38 pm.

Roll call of councilperson:

Chad Booher, Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent
Debbie Taylor, Alderwoman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent
Tara Kirk, Alderwoman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent
Julie Nichols, Alderwoman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent
Tracy Hoffmann, City Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent
Dennis Hoffmann, Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_present	<input type="checkbox"/> __absent

Approval of previous minutes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Nichols to approve previous minutes as read.

Seconded by Alderwoman Kirk.

All in favor ☒_X_yes ☐__no

Approval to pay bills as presented

A motion was made by Alderwoman Taylor to pay bills as presented.

Seconded by Alderwoman Nichols.

All in favor ☒_X_yes ☐__no

City maintenance update: Dennis

Checking the water daily, no issues, and added additional insulation at the tower.

3rd Street sewer lift station's sound alarm isn't working. Bought parts to repair his backhoe, the City paid for some of the labor because he uses his equipment to do "city" work. Still installing bugs in the lagoon every week. Tried to locate Kemper's water line, cannot find it.

***Great River Report:** Kelsey

They are waiting on the environmental responses. See list for project time frame. Connie is working on the sewer agreement, and they should have it completed by the next meeting.

Mayor Booher said he spoke Shane Graupman with DNR regarding the nursing home's lift station problem. Mokane has been approved for a loan through DNR, but we are not going to take it unless it's an emergency. He said he needs to talk to Connie with Great River and Haynes Equipment to get a plan together just in case.

***Meeting with Fire Department:** Mayor Booher

Spoke to Jeff, the fire chief and the assistant and they went over the maps of where to put in the fire hydrants. We need to let Connie know the fire department wants another hydrant and the location.

On another note, Mayor Booher said Jeff confirmed they were paying for the market's sewer pump power.

***Grant Programs w/o LMI (income) requirements:** Mayor Booher

Spoke to Lincoln Brown with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission regarding grants and loans for demoing old buildings. Lincoln said the process has very intensive paperwork. Lincoln could look into a grant for streets for \$500,000 that is a lot easier after the new water and sewer systems are done.

***Business license & permits; cost, length of, and renewals:** Mayor Booher

Spoke to Stewart with Missouri Municipal League and they said the City would set the rates, but the rule of thumb is if the business does not receive money inside the city limits that no license is needed. We could do permits for temporary businesses doing work. Mayor Booher asked the council about doing pro-rated rates for licenses instead of calendar years.

Callaway County Sewer District Proposal: Mayor Booher

Spoke to Kent Woods with DNR regarding the agreement and what would they be responsible for and what Mokane would be responsible for. Since we are under enforcement the benefits are well worth the money. There would be an annual review of the agreement and they would start in February 2025.

A motion was to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the wastewater treatment facility was made by Alderwoman Taylor. Seconded by Alderwoman Nichols. All in favor X yes ___ no.

Meeting with County Commissioners: Mayor Booher

Spoke to Kurtis Warfield and gave him an update on all the Mokane projects. David Thomas, the county road engineer, had lots of questions.

Mokane in the news; should we purchase a subscription to a local newspaper? Mayor Booher

There was an article in the paper that he was not aware of and asked if we should get a subscription. Alderwoman Taylor said she will call Emily with The Fulton Sun to get some rates. She will let us know at the next meeting.

***Nuisance and dangerous buildings:** Mayor Booher

The City can enforce the nuisance ordinance. There are several buildings that people could get injured very easy. Mayor Booher asked Alderwoman Nichols to make a list with detailed information of the dilapidated building inside the city limits. Alderwoman Nichols said she will have the list done this week.

Community Input

Mayor Booher asked Dennis to get a bid from Chris Wallace to finish the new building.

Mayor Booher spoke to the Fulton postmaster about the mail issues we are having and what Mokane needs to fix. Maybe rearranging the boxes or maybe labeling the boxes. Alderwoman Nichols said to call the Postmaster General, she had no luck with Fulton.

Clerk Hoffmann asked if we could combine the water and sewer checking accounts because the City is borrowing money from the water account to pay for sewer repairs.

A motion to combine the water and sewer checking accounts was made by Alderwoman Nichols Seconded by Alderwoman Taylor. All in favor X yes ___no.

Clerk Hoffmann will move the balance of the sewer checking account to the water checking account and will close the sewer account.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Alderwoman Kirk.

Seconded by Alderwoman Taylor.

All in favor Xyes ___no

Meeting ended at 7:31 pm.

*Topics were discussed on 01/06/25, had to cancel regular council meeting because of an emergency. Went over the topics briefly at this meeting.