

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

September 10, 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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor closed the Council Meeting at 7:01pm

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm

1. The Oregon Trail Bar Liquor License Renewal

Mayor Juarez now declared the Public Hearing opened for the consideration of the Liquor License Renewals for Klaus W Conrad Jr DBA The Oregon Trail Bar. 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? The City Clerk informed Council that The Oregon Trail Bar is compliant with both the city and Wyoming Liquor Division. The Mayor asked three times, is there anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of this item? The Mayor asked three times if 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 7:03pm

Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7:03pm

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

2. Council Meeting Minutes 8-27-24

City Licenses

3. New and Renewal Business and Contractors Licenses

Financial Approvals

4. Treasurer's Report
5. Investment Accounts
6. Financial Breakdown
7. Transmittal Transactions
8. Payroll Regular/Police 8-26-24 to 9-8-24
9. Payroll Fire 8-23-24 to 9-3-24
10. 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

- Chris Ben – 240 N 3rd Ave - expressed concerns about the safety of the new bus stop location (behind Maverik), citing it is a truck stop and not a safe environment for children.
 - The Mayor and President acknowledged the congestion and agreed to look into the matter. They also suggested that Mr. Ben reaches out to the school district to express his concerns.
- Nick Reyes – 2968 Pheasant Drive- asked Council if they would consider selling a piece of land (next to G-Ma's Diner) to put up a billboard and small storage units.
 - The Mayor explained to Mr. Reyes that requests like these would have to go through an executive session. She also requested that Mr. Reyes provide his information to the City Clerk along with a business plan.
- Garrett Neufeld – Robertson Road and Zero Road – expressed concerns about the new vape shop moving into Mills. He spoke about the negative impact on property values and the community, citing previous issues with a similar business. Mr. Neufeld rents the unit where a previous vape shop was located and it is costing him thousands of dollars to repair the unit. He has a long term vision to stay in Mills.
- Jeanette Valentin – owner of Daylight Donuts - shared concerns about safety and the potential for criminal activity if another vape shop moves into Mills.
 - The Mayor and Council acknowledged the concerns and stated that the council has limited ability to prevent the vape shop from opening due to zoning laws. We will talk to the owners of the vape shop and express our expectations. Encouraged the public to contact a police officer if they see something that is questionable.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. RESOLUTION NO 2024-34

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR TWO POLICE VEHICLES

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

COUNCIL APPROVALS

12. Klaus W Conrad Jr - The Oregon Trail Bar

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 7:18pm

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

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NEXT MEETING - September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm / October 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - September 24, 2024 at 6:00pm / October 7, 2024 at 9:00am

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

City Clerk, Sarah Osborn