

April 25, 2006

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on April 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roat followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS Present: Mayor Roat, Aldermen Bullock, Mahan, Lockman, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Absent: None

MINUTES OF APRIL 11 Motion by Reynolds, second by Mahan to approve the minutes of April 11 as read. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES – 8TH Grade Class – Junk Vehicle Survey Pam Gilbertson is a history teacher in the Roosevelt Middle School. One of her 8th grade classes tried a program called Project Citizen. The students did a survey on junk vehicles. They then put the information together showing the results of the surveys taken and alternatives. The students presented their findings to the Council in an astute manner that will hopefully help move the process forward. The Council thanked the students for the work they did on this issue and sharing it with the City.

Barry Usher presented the City with a plaque from Governor Brian Schweitzer and the Montana Tourism Advisory Council. This was a Tourism Partnership of the Year Award given to the City of Red Lodge, Community of Cooke City, Friends of Beartooth All-American Road and the Red Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of its on-going commitment to the promotion and development of tourism in its area. This was given for the work done with the mudslides on the Beartooth Pass.

STANDING COMMITTEES – Administration – Job Description – Staff Support Person

Motion by Reynolds, second by Mahan to table this action. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It is felt that more attention needs to be given to this job description so the committee will review and bring back a description to the Council.

Two Claims for Playground Motion by Lockman, second by Reynolds to approve the claims for \$1912.50 to US Fabrics and \$944.00 to Pacific Sales & Manufacturing for supplies for the playground and the funds will come from Resort Tax. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Anna Priest said that \$11,206 was still owed to Leathers and Associates for the playground and this will be paid by People for Playgrounds.

Police and Emergency Services – Interlocal Agreement – Carbon County Sheriff – Dispatch

Motion by Reynolds, second by Lockman to enter into the interlocal agreement with the County for the sum of \$6095.00. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Bullock, Lockman, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Those opposed: Alderman Mahan. Motion carried.

It was asked if all the communities in the County were raised by 10% for their dispatching fees and the answer was that only Red Lodge was. It was said the increase was due to the volume of calls. In Red Lodge dispatching is done for police, fire and ambulance. It was questioned if more calls would be a sound reason for raising the dispatching fees each year. It is felt that this increase for dispatching should be discussed with the County to show a reasonable reason as to why it has to be done. The committee recommends signing the agreement but that they will look into the costs to see if they can

be broken down for the City to review. Some felt the costs were very reasonable for what was received. It is felt that it is more reasonable to pay the County than to staff dispatching for the City.

Police Car Purchase The committee agreed to the purchase of a new vehicle for the police and make the recommendation to the Council. The vehicles the police are currently driving are not in very good working order, as they are getting old. The police would like to start a rotation process so a new vehicle is purchased each year with the oldest one being traded out with a greater value. This rotation process should also decrease repair costs.

Motion by Lockman, second by Bullock to approve the purchase of a 4-door Crown Victoria from Beartooth Ford. On roll call vote those in favor: Alderman Lockman. Those opposed: Aldermen Bullock, Mahan, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Motion failed.

Stauffer questioned the use of a Crown Victoria by the Police and would rather they be able to look at all the cost efficiencies available and make their selection based on this.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Bullock to approve the expenditure for a new police vehicle not to exceed \$25,000. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Bullock, Lockman, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Those opposed: Alderman Mahan. Motion carried.

The officers said they will begin this process and hopefully will have a vehicle purchased before the fiscal year ends.

Land Use and Planning – Development Code Review Brent Moore provided the Council a copy of the code recommendations given by Alan McCormick so they could be reviewed and comments could be given by the Council.

Lockman said the attorney referred to the Growth Policy and that it could not be used legally so she wanted to know what it would be used for. Moore told her that it is a guiding document that expresses the community's visions for the growth of Red Lodge.

Scanlin said she feels the attorney memo shows considerable substantive changes that she feels need to be addressed. Discussion was held on these changes and how to incorporate them into the document. Moore recommends the changes made by Alan McCormick be reviewed and incorporated into the Development Code and have it then be adopted by the Council in final form by ordinance procedure.

Reynolds feels it is time to move forward with this document. She said a lot of good work has been put into its development and feels it would be irresponsible to take it apart and make it an incomplete document.

The City Planner said there are two directions the Council can go. First the codes could be adopted and then address McCormick's comments and make changes or McCormick can help the City to establish the criteria that he has mentioned in his memo. Moore said his time is limited and recommends the Council direct McCormick to help the City establish the criteria. Then the City could go forward with all of McCormick's recommendations.

The Mayor asked the Land Use Committee to work with the City Planner to get an understanding of what McCormick is saying and what the City should be doing and bring the Council a recommendation. Moore said this would most likely push the project back a little but he will meet with the committee and they would visit with McCormick to set up the criteria and incorporate these into the development code. It will then come back to the Council.

Impact Fee Advisory Committee Brent Moore told the Council that in order for the City to adopt new impact fees or amend existing impact fees the City has to establish an advisory committee which will be responsible for reviewing proposed impact fees and making a recommendation to the Council for approval or denial. Moore said the first thought would be to advertise for the committee to the public or the second thought would be to appoint willing members of the Planning Board as the advisory committee. The State statues say an impact fee advisory committee must include at least one representative of the development community and one CPA. Moore said he would send out letters to all CPA's in the community to see if anyone would be interested in serving on this committee.

Lockman would like to see if new people could be incorporated into this committee along with perhaps members of the Planning Board. Moore said he would meet with the Land Use Committee and they would put a press release in the paper to explain this committee to the public and then do a legal ad.

Public Works Everyone is appreciative of the hard work being done by the City crew in preparation for the installation of the new historic streetlights.

CITIZEN REPORT None

OLD BUSINESS – Resolution No. 3213 – Memorandum of Understanding – People for Playgrounds

RESOLUTION NO. 3213

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PEOPLE FOR PLAYGROUNDS OF RED LODGE, MT.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Red Lodge approved Resolution No. 3185 for the construction of a playground in Lions Park; and

WHEREAS, People for Playgrounds of Red Lodge, MT has persevered in efforts to design the playground, raise funds for the playground and build community support for this project; and

WHEREAS, People for Playgrounds of Red Lodge, MT drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for consideration, which has previously been presented to the Council sub-committee on land use issues, and said MOU provides arrangements for the construction, care, maintenance and upkeep of this playground after construction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The City Council resolves and gives approval to the attached Memorandum of Understanding for the playground designed by Leathers & Associates, and named by the community as Moose Trails Playground.
2. The City Council resolves to have the Mayor take such administrative action appropriate to the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to entering into the attached Memorandum of Understanding for and on behalf of the City.

Motion by Lockman, second by Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 3213. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

MMIA and Sam Painter have both reviewed the Resolution and the Memorandum of Understanding.

NEW BUSINESS – Open Container Request Motion by Lockman, second by Mahan to approve the open container request by the Arts Guild for the Artful Event on July 29th. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Mahan, Lockman, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Those opposed: Alderman Bullock. Motion carried.

It was shown that a permit was received from the State for the Arts Guild to sell the wine and beer.

CORRESPONDENCE Mayor Roat told the Council that MDOT will come to the Council to explain a roundabout and answer questions.

MISCELLANEOUS The Chamber of Commerce has told the Council they are short \$46,500 on the street light project. Another person was hired to help get this work done with the thought that the Chamber would pay the wages.

Scanlin said she has a major concern with the EDC Project Manager doing marketing. It is supposed to be a job grant not marketing for tourism. She does not want the EDC Grant to be used for marketing. She asked the Mayor to visit with the Project Manager.

Lockman told the Council there is a problem with Resort Tax and the bonds that are collected from new businesses. If the tax is not paid it appears to be quite a task to have the bond remain in the City's collections. The Administration Committee said they would review the Ordinance to see what can be done to make things easier for collection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk