

February 8, 2011

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on February 8, 2011 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 Mahan, Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: Kampfe.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 25 Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of the January 25 meeting as submitted. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Mahan, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Those abstaining: Alderman Richter. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY Motion by Labrie, second by Williams that claims against the City totaling \$96,397.66, approved by the Auditing Committee, be paid and warrants drawn on their respective funds in payment. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Labrie reported that February was a fairly normal month for the claims that were submitted. She pointed out that High Country Equipment was paid \$9500 for work done on the Hauser extension. Red Lodge Electric wired motors at the sewer lagoon that were outside the original project and that claim was for \$7718.46. Labrie said the monthly amount paid to Allied Waste is about \$25,000 for the contract and the dumpster rents.

OFFICERS REPORTS It was noted that the water loss was rather large again this month.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES None

STANDING COMMITTEES – ADMINISTRATION – Airport Board Appointment – Alderman Kampfe Motion by Labrie, second by Williams to appoint Aldermen Kampfe to the Airport Board. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Resolution #3321 – Yellow Ribbon Community Designation

RESOLUTION NO. 3321

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF RED LODGE AS A YELLOW RIBBON COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana recognizes that the Service Members of the United States Armed Forces sacrifice many of their personal freedoms, both in times of peace as well as in times of conflict, to ensure the protection and continued enjoyment of all our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that the sacrifices made by the Service Member are made possible by the primary support of their Family Members and the tertiary support of the Citizenry as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that thousands of Montanans are affected by military deployments, many of whom hail from our geographic region; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council recognizes that the City of Red Lodge is uniquely blessed as a 'Resort Community' where both natural and man-made features provide an environment where Service Members and their Families can find support, relax, and reconnect as part of the transition resulting from military deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of all our Service Members and their immediate Families to elevate our commitment by ensuring that coordinated and comprehensive support is available to Service Members and their Families from the City of Red Lodge, our Business Community and Citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council is aware of community based programs and services initiated in the State of Minnesota and advocated by the Montana National Guard to assist our Service Members and their Families in the transitions leading up to, during, and upon returning from deployment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA:

1. That the City of Red Lodge, Montana shall be henceforth known and identified as a “Yellow Ribbon Community.”
2. That the City Council shall assist in the creation and operation of a Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee.
3. That a member of the Red Lodge City Council shall be appointed to serve on the Red Lodge Yellow Ribbon Community Steering Committee. That this member shall at a minimum, annually provide a report to the full Council on the needs and accomplishments of the Yellow Ribbon Program.
4. That the Mayor is authorized to utilize City Staff and Resources to further the objectives and goals of the Yellow Ribbon Community Program.
5. That this resolution shall remain binding upon the Governing Body until such time as it is repealed by a majority of Council members attending a regular meeting or duly noticed special meeting of the City Council.

Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to adopt Resolution No. 3321, A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, proclaiming support for the service members of the United States Armed Forces and their immediate family members and establishing the City of Red Lodge as a Yellow Ribbon Community. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

HOME Program Requirements – 506 North Cooper Mandy Jeroma has requested that she be able to rent out her house located at 506 North Cooper as she has moved to Billings due to work reasons. Jeroma received assistance with her house from the HOME Program but the deed restriction signed by Jeroma states that she must use the home as her primary residence and that she is unable to rent out the house. The Montana Board of Housing and Jeroma’s lending institute gave her the go ahead to rent out the house until May 11, 2011 when it would be looked at again. The HOME Program however stated, they operate under totally different rules and regulations than does the Board of Housing, so even if MBOH gives Jeroma the go ahead to rent out her house, that still is not allowed by HUD.

Motion by Williams, second by Mahan to adopt the recommendation of the City Attorney in his letter dated January 28, 2011 as findings of fact. Further, I move to declare Ms. Jeroma to be in default on the loan and agreements with the City of Red Lodge. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

POLICY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – Ordinance #891 – Fire Prevention and Safety Codes – IFC 2009 – First Reading

Ordinance #891

An ordinance of the City of Red Lodge adopting by reference the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Red Lodge; providing the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing

Ordinance No. 861 of the City of Red Lodge and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Mayor said this ordinance would be adopted by reference and the City would be adopting the IFC 2009 book as written.

Motion by Williams, second by Mahan to adopt Ordinance #891 on first reading on February 8, 2011. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Appoint Ambulance Department Head Mayor Roat said the City will be the operator of the ambulance. The City holds the ambulance license. The employees will remain City employees. The appointed Department Head will be answerable to the City for the ambulance operation. Mayor Roat said that Aaron McDowell is his choice for this appointment.

Motion by Richter, second by Labrie to appoint Aaron McDowell as the Ambulance Department Head. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Mayor Roat said that Tom Kuntz has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer by the Ambulance District Board.

GEO Atlas of Community Mayor Roat said if this is looked at on-line you will see what a good job Tom Kohley and Tom Kuntz did.

Mahan said that Williams will be the interim chairperson of the Police and Emergency Service Committee while Richter is involved with family matters.

LAND USE AND PLANNING – Appoint Building Codes Board of Appeals Mayor Roat said this will be a Board of Appeals for decisions made by the Building Inspector. It will not be a Board of Adjustments having to do with zoning or such things.

Motion by Labrie, second by Williams to appoint the following five people to the Building Codes Board of Appeals: Susan Hovde, Architect – Matt Henke, Building Contractor – Charlie Walters, Plumbing/Mechanical – Tracy Waters, Foundations & Concrete and Mark Brown, Electrician. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Sanderson said this Board cannot vary the code but can weigh in on the interpretations of the code.

County Appointment to Planning Board Mayor Roat said the County has submitted a letter stating they will be appointing Marie Olson to fill their position on the City Planning Board. Sanderson said that currently there have not been enough letters of interest submitted for the Planning Board vacancies without both Schoenike and Mahan sitting on the board. However, the deadline for the letters to be submitted has not yet come.

PUBLIC WORKS Mahan said that limited information will be provided to the news to alert the public as to how the process of snow plowing works. The committee will put something together and have Boyer review it before it is put in the paper.

Schoenike pointed out that web sites for City information are outdated and he said he would be willing to help get things updated and in order.

CITIZEN REPORT None

CORRESPONDENCE The Beartooth Front Community Forum will be presenting Improving Community Well-Being through Food on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Civic Center from 9 am – 2:30 pm. There will be community members, area producers, businesses, institutions, etc. for a wide-ranging discussion, brainstorming and strategizing to expand the opportunities of local food in our region. A panel of local and state experts will present information and success stories about establishing secure, affordable and healthy local food systems.

Sanderson said that Dan Clark, the new director of the Mt. Local Government Center, will be at Bridge Creek at noon on Friday, February 11. Anyone interested in visiting with Mr. Clark is invited to attend this lunch.

Mahan read a thank you card from Sharon Roat thanking the City for the flowers she received when she had surgery on her neck.

MISCELLANEOUS None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk