

January 10, 2012

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roat followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT** Mayor Roat was given the Oath of Office by Judge Steven Muth on January 5, 2012. Mayor Roat gave the Oath of Office to Council Members Ed Williams, Ward One, Maryvette Labrie, Ward Two and Glory Mahan and Aaron Kampfe, Ward Three. The new Council members were well received.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present: Mayor Roat, Aldermen Kampfe, Mahan, Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE:** Community Development Director – Forrest Sanderson, City Clerk – Debbie Tomicich and Ambulance Director – Aaron McDowell.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13** Motion by Schoenike, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of December 13 as corrected. On roll call vote all Aldermen voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY** Motion by Kampfe, second by Williams that claims against the City totaling \$151,413.27, 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.

Kampfe reported on a few of the claims that were paid in January. Sanderson Stewart submitted a claim for \$14,675 which was mostly for engineering costs associated with the TIGER-3 Grant application that was done. Also for work done on the TIGER-3 Grant the City paid the Historic Preservation Office \$2,000 for work done by the Historic Preservation Officer. The Public Works Director purchased a 2008 Ford crew cab truck for \$25,882 from Frontier Chevrolet. Denning, Downey & Associates submitted a claim for \$5,656 for work done on the annual audit.

**OFFICERS REPORTS** The officer’s reports were presented to the Council for their review. The Public Works Committee discussed the need to try harder to identify the water loss that appears to be happening so something can be done to curtail the losses. The amount of the losses seems to be very random. Mayor Roat said the Police have been doing a very fine job. The Assistant Chief Cope, has given tickets to the two offenders who wrote on the outside wall of City Hall.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS** None

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES – Select Council President** Mayor Roat said that the Council President acts on behalf of the Mayor when the Mayor is gone. Motion by Kampfe, second by Richter to appoint Glory Mahan as Council President. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Council Committee Appointments/Board Assignments** Mahan told Mayor Roat that discussions have been held by the Council and they all feel that because of the many major issues that will be coming before them this year they would all prefer to have the Council committees and Board assignments remain as they currently are. Mayor Roat said he is very pleased with the workings of the committees and the department heads.

**Appoint Department Heads** Motion by Mahan, second by Schoenike to appoint Forrest Sanderson as the Community Development Director. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to appoint Orval Boyer as the Public Works Director. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Mahan, second by Richter to appoint Richard Pringle as the Police Chief. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Kampfe, Mahan, Richter, Labrie and Williams. Those opposed: Alderman Schoenike. Motion carried.

Schoenike said he could not support Pringle as the Police Chief anymore. He said he has expressed concerns in the past regarding the perception of the police department and despite repeated requests for letters to the newspaper and other references to try and improve that perception Schoenike said he has seen no movement so far. He feels it is time for a change in the leadership of the police department. Mayor Roat said that actually the Mayor is the head of the police department and he would be more than happy to visit with Schoenike on concerns that he can probably have come about. This will be worked on.

Motion by Schoenike, second by Williams to appoint Debbie Tomicich as the City Clerk/Treasurer. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Mahan, second by Williams to appoint Aaron McDowell as the Ambulance Director. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Richter, second by Mahan to appoint Jodie Moore as the Librarian. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Mahan to appoint Tom Kuntz as the Volunteer Fire Chief. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Appoint TBID Board of Trustees** Mayor Roat said he would like to make the following appointments to the TBID Board of Trustees: Linda Daily – Red Lodge Inn, Piney Hardiman – Triple AAA Vacation Rentals, Angela Beaumont – Pollard Hotel, John Gilligan – Chateau Rouge and Trish LaCombe – Comfort Inn.

Motion by Mahan, second by Kampfe that the five appointments to the TBID Board of Trustees made by the Mayor be confirmed by the Council. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Roat said that Angela Beaumont would be willing to start the process as the Chairperson.

Motion by Mahan, second by Kampfe to approve Angela Beaumont as the Chairperson. On call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Appoint City TBID Ex-Officio Member** Mayor Roat said that Richter was willing to be the City Ex-Officio member on the TBID Board and no one on the Council had an objection to this appointment.

Mahan told Mayor Roat that she would be willing to continue being the City representative on the Yellow Ribbon Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. He thanked her for doing so.

**STANDING COMMITTEES – Administration – Resolution #3339 – Angle Parking St. Agnes Catholic Church**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3339**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE ANGLE PARKING AT SAINT AGNES CHURCH ON WORD AVENUE AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1 OF THE RED LODGE CITY CODE.**

**Whereas**, § 61-8-355 MCA provide standards guidance for on-street parking on all public ways within the State of Montana; AND

**Whereas**, Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Red Lodge City Code addresses parking and the process to establish other than parallel parking on streets and avenues under the jurisdiction of the City of Red Lodge; AND

**Whereas**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the proposed angle parking at Saint Agnes Church and has recommended approval; AND

**Whereas**, the City Council has consistently attempted to address parking related issues in a manner that expands opportunities for on-street parking while insuring public safety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge Montana that the portion of Word Avenue adjacent to Saint Agnes Church, as shown on Exhibit ‘A’, may be used for angle parking provided that the parking lanes shall be striped and the area signed “Angle Parking” at no expense to the City of Red Lodge. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council recognizes that during some events conducted by the Church such as funerals or weddings that parallel parking is allowed at the discretion of the Governing Body of the Church.

Motion by Kampfe, second by Labrie to approve Resolution #3339, a resolution of the Red Lodge City Council to create angle parking at Saint Agnes Church on Word Avenue as provided in Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Red Lodge City Code. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Resolution #3340 – Angle Parking Red Lodge Drug**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3340**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE ANGLE PARKING AT RED LODGE DRUG ON OAKES AVENUE AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1 OF THE RED LODGE CITY CODE.**

**Whereas**, § 61-8-355 MCA provide standards guidance for on-street parking on all public ways within the State of Montana; AND

**Whereas**, Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Red Lodge City Code addresses parking and the process to establish other than parallel parking on streets and avenues under the jurisdiction of the City of Red Lodge; AND

**Whereas**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the proposed angle parking at Red Lodge Drug and has recommended approval; AND

**Whereas**, the City Council has consistently attempted to address parking related issues in a manner that expands opportunities for on-street parking while insuring public safety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge Montana that the portion of North Oakes Avenue adjacent to Red Lodge Drug and Lights on Broadway, as shown on Exhibit 'A', may be used for angle parking provided that the parking lanes shall be striped, bumpers installed and the area signed "Angle Parking" at no expense to the City of Red Lodge.

Motion by Labrie, second by Kampfe to approve Resolution #3340, a resolution of the Red Lodge City Council to create angle parking at Red Lodge Drug on Oakes Avenue as provided in Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Red Lodge City Code. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES** Mayor Roat told the Council that there was an incident a couple nights ago where a City officer attempted to present a restraining order on an individual and the officer was struck in the head with a beer bottle. The police tracked the person down and he was transported to the Billings jail.

**LAND USE AND PLANNING** Schoenike said the Planning Board would be holding their required statutory quarterly meeting on January 11, 2012.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Mahan said the Public Works Committee will be working very hard at rewriting the snow removal ordinance and they will be working closely with the public works staff for their thoughts and input.

Sanderson reminded the Council that the current contract the City holds with Sanderson Stewart will be expiring May 1, 2012. He said the Public Works Committee is actively working on the release of a request for proposals to procure professional engineering services for the City. This proposal will probably be released sometime late in January with the return time being the beginning of March.

**CITIZEN REPORT** Barb Beck introduced herself to the Council and Mayor telling them that she is running for the position of the District #3 County Commissioner. Beck told the Council that she also was a former Council person and that she would like to make the connection between the County and the City more strong and effective. She said she is open to any questions anyone may have and that they can contact her at any time.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Sanderson reported that he received a letter from the Orton Foundation informing him that the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation was not successful in receiving the Heart and Soul Grant. The money stayed in Montana and went to Polson to help with the updating of their Growth Policy.

Mahan said the Orton Foundation did, however, offer the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation \$1500 as a thank you for all the effort they put into submitting the application and showing representatives around Red Lodge. She said this was a nice gesture and if the grant funds become available again the Community Foundation may have a better chance.

MDT confirmed that they did receive the City's 2012 Safe Routes to School application. This year's proposal is to build sidewalks from Broadway on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets to the High School.

**MISCELLANEOUS** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk