

July 26, 2011

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on July 26, 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 Kampfe, Mahan, Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: Community Development Director – Forrest Sanderson, City Clerk – Debbie Tomicich and Fire Chief – Tom Kuntz.

MINUTES OF JUNE 28 Motion by Mahan, second by Schoenike to approve the minutes of the June 28 meeting as submitted. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Mahan, Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Those abstaining: Alderman Kampfe. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF JULY 12 Motion by Schoenike, second by Richter to approve the minutes of the July 12 meeting as submitted. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS Wally Zook and others that brought Crusin’ Red Lodge to town told the Council that on Saturday there were about 130 old cars in town. On Sunday drag races that were held had over 500 spectators. Zook said the event went well and was enjoyed by many people. Zook said the merchants were very pleased that people stayed in town for the weekend for this event. They thanked the Council for the help they gave for this event. Crusin’ Red Lodge will be held again next year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES None

STANDING COMMITTEES – ADMINISTRATION – Use of City Owned Property – Fun Run – RLACF Motion by Labrie, second by Kampfe to approve the application for the use of City owned property for the Red Lodge Fun Run for Charities on September 3, 2011. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Kampfe said the request is for the use of Lions’ Club Park and since there is no alcohol involved there would be no fees required except the cleanup deposit.

Use of City Owned Property – Festival of Nations Motion by Kampfe, second by Williams to approve use of City owned property for the Red Lodge Festival of Nations, August 4 through 8, 2011. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Kampfe said that this application also involved alcohol so that a \$100 fee will need to be paid along with the \$300 for the three-day use of property.

Amendment to motion by Kampfe, second by Williams to include the following conditions, that the Red Lodge Festival of Nations provide three days payment of \$300 plus a \$100 for alcohol being served. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Nora Alsager informed the Council that the closing down time would be 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night so that the music would be completely stopped no later than 10:30 p.m.

Resolution #3329 – Budget Transfer for FY11

RESOLUTION NO. 3329

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA
AUTHORIZING FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET TRANSFERS.**

Be It Resolved that the following Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Transfers are hereby authorized:

Fund No.	Account No.	Description	Transfer
TRANSFER TO:			
1000	410100-300	Council-Purchase Service	87.00
1000	410500-200	Clerk-Supply	216.00
1000	411100-300	Attorney	1577.00
1000	420400-100	Fire-Salary	8322.00
1000	420400-200	Fire-Supply	4840.00
1000	460100-100	Library-Salary	49.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
1000	410100-100	Council-Salary	81.00
1000	410200-300	Mayor-Purchased Service	6.00
1000	410500-300	Clerk-Purchased Service	216.00
1000	411500-300	Estate Admin.	2729.00
1000	420400-300	Fire-Purchased Service	4510.00
1000	420400-900	Fire-C.O.	7500.00
1000	460100-200	Library-Supplies	49.00
TRANSFER TO:			
2394	521000-826	Building-PERS	280.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
2394	420530-100	Building-Salary	280.00
TRANSFER TO:			
2820	430240-200	Gas Tax-Supply	2211.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
2820	430240-300	Gas Tax-Purchased Service	2211.00
TRANSFER TO:			
5210	430510-100	Water-Salary	9183.00
5210	521000-826	Water-Trans. To PERS	427.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
5210	430510-200	Water-Supply	9183.00
5210	430510-300	Water-Purchased Service	427.00
TRANSFER TO:			
5310	430600-100	Sewer-Salary	6595.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
5310	430600-200	Sewer-Supply	6595.00
TRANSFER TO:			
5510	420700-100	Ambulance-Salary	31435.00
5510	420700-200	Ambulance-Supply	7964.00
5510	420700-300	Ambulance-Purchased Service	311.00
5510	521000-821	Amb-Trans. To Capt. Proj.	17127.00
TRANSFER FROM:			
5510	420700-900	Ambulance-C.O.	56837.00

Motion by Williams, second by Labrie to approve Resolution #3329, a resolution of the City of Red Lodge, Montana authorizing Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget transfers. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the business registration fees for non-profit organizations. Everyone agreed that all businesses in the City limits, profit or non-profit, are required to purchase the City business registration according to the current ordinance. This does not appear to be a problem at this time.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – Resolution #3330 – Extension of Fire Truck Mill Levy

RESOLUTION NO. 3330

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF RED LODGE THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE CURRENT FIRE TRUCK MILL LEVY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Red Lodge, in November of 2003, voted to authorize a levy of six (6) mills for ten (10) years for the purchase of a fire truck; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge needs to continue to replace fire trucks in order to provide for adequate fire protection and reasonable fire insurance rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Red Lodge requests that the voters authorize in the November 2011 election, a ten (10) year extension of the Fire Truck mill levy of six (6) mills approved in 2003 in order to purchase a replacement fire truck.

Proposition

Shall the voters of the City of Red Lodge authorize a ten (10) year extension of the fire truck mill levy of six (6) mills approved in 2003 in order to purchase a replacement fire truck?

Motion by Williams, second by Mahan to approve resolution #3330, a resolution by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, to submit to the voters of Red Lodge the question of extending the current fire truck mill levy for an additional ten years. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Kuntz was asked what the tax would be on a \$100,000 home if this passes and he thought it would be approximately \$18.00. It was also pointed out that this levy would not be in addition to anything but only an extension in time of the current mill levy. Kuntz said that in the Rural Fire District there is a permanent capital improvements mill levy set. He said this is about 7 ½ mills. Kuntz said that additional funds will be needed to purchase a fire truck beyond the mill levy being requested. The existing truck will be kept and the hope is to start a thirty-year replacement program with a rotation of three years. Kuntz said they are attempting to purchase an engine.

The purchase of an engine will also help with the City ISO rating as three fire apparatus is required for a better rating. The City would need two and the rural would need one. Then the thirty-year replacement program could be started and utilized.

Beartooth Rally Mayor Roat said that the Beartooth Rally went fairly well. He said the Elks Club helped with the preparation of food for all law enforcement. He said he would be thanking them for their help. The Mayor also said the City needs to try and find revenues to help offset costs such as the extra law enforcement. Mahan reported that in the public works area the sweeper was needed for about ten hours at a cost of \$105 per hour and the cost for extra trash collection is approximately forty hours at \$35 per hour. This is something the Council needs to review to see what can be done to help offset these costs.

LAND USE AND PLANNING – Use of City Owned Property – Planning Board Proposed Changes

The Planning Board has been working on the use of City owned property and has presented it to the Council for them to review. This proposed ordinance will be an agenda item for the August 9 meeting for Council discussion. Then if any changes are made it will come back on the August 23 meeting for first reading. The Planning Board has put a lot of work into these ordinance changes. If the Council has any changes they would like to see addressed they need to get them to the Land Use Committee.

Nuisance Noise Labrie said the Land Use Committee is working on a new noise ordinance. They are looking at the decibels and trying to streamline them. The Mayor said that when the decibels are set there needs to be understandable examples given to judge the noise that people can follow. Sanderson said there are several examples on the computer to give a person a comparative example of noise levels and he said he would make sure the Council and the committee got this information. There will be more coming on the work being done on this ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS Mayor Roat said the wastewater report received from the State was quite bad due to floods. The State indicates that they will not prosecute the City for violations because of flooding. The City was unable to process the amount of water that was coming in.

Mahan said the City crew has secured the second table at Pride Park.

Sanderson said the sidewalk on the west side of Mountain View School is being installed and will cost \$15,200, which all will be City funds. The CTEP sidewalk project is coming to an end.

Public nuisance letters from Public Works will be sent to residents at 201 South Haggin and 422 South Platt as they are putting rocks, boulders and miscellaneous items on the rights-of-way at Haggin, Platt, 13th and 16th Streets. The request will be made to remove these items or the City will remove and send bills.

Mayor Roat said the yellow parking zone on Highway 212 across from the Red Box Car will be repainted by the State when they are next in town and able to do so. This no parking zone will then be eliminated.

Signs will be installed outside City Hall indicating parking during business hours only for City business. Then after business hours and on the weekend parking will be allowed. This will then help with parking during busy times after hours. The yellow zone will be eliminated.

CITIZEN REPORT None

CORRESPONDENCE None

MISCELLANEOUS Kampfe shared with the Council that he interviewed for a position as Head of the Montana Office of Tourism. He said he did not get the job but was one of three that were interviewed out of thirty-five applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk