

May 8, 2007

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on May 8, 2007 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, Lockman, Stauffer and Reynolds. Absent: Alderman Scanlin.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 24** Reynolds told the Council that Scanlin had some corrections she would like to see made to the minutes of April 24. The corrections were in the third paragraph under the topic Independent Services Contract – Planner Services. The corrections are as follows: “Scanlin had a concern with a statute that **restricts** (talks about) an employee contracting with the **City** (outfit) he formerly worked for **within the past six months.**” “Scanlin said her concern is the much higher wage that will be paid **to the former employee under** (due to) the contract.”

Motion by Mahan, second by Reynolds to approve the minutes of April 24 as corrected. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY** Reynolds said the claims totaled \$271,921.64. The committee recommended payment of all submitted claims.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Mahan that claims against the City 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.

Reynolds said one of the larger claims was to HKM Engineering for \$64,000 for the upcoming water project.

**OFFICERS REPORTS** The officer reports were approved by the Council as submitted.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE – Street Scape – Presentation by CTA & Main Street Committee** Representatives from CTA were at the meeting to speak to the Council about the Street Scape plan they did for the Main Street Committee. This process has been going on for the last five months. They said several meetings have been held with the committee and the public. They have met with MDOT so they could see the proposed project and how it will mesh with the project that will be done by MDOT to see if help can be obtained from the State with this project. In the plans sidewalks are wider and more walkable with shorter and more walkable street crossings.

Discussion was held on the possibility of four one-way streets going either east or west from Broadway to Hauser or Platt. One of the reasons for this concept is to give more parking spots to be utilized. The one-way street concept will also lend to pedestrian gathering spots.

Discussion was held on the intersections of Broadway. Pictures were shown to see how the intersections would have bump outs. The new intersections will allow for emergency vehicles. There will be no trees on Main Street but there are plans for them on the side streets. The historic streetlights might need to be moved when the sidewalks are widened but they will be re-used. Discussion was held on the newness of the streetlights so their use will need to be continued.

The Street Scape plan will be a big change for the community but is something people will get used to in time. The Street Scape meets the Department of Transportation's Urban Design standards.

Mayor Roat asked if more information could be given regarding the costs and fund raising for this concept. He was told this could be done. He was also told there are several avenues to be examined for funding this type of project.

The committee told the Council they hope a Resolution will be passed adopting the Street Scape concept. This will be necessary when applying for funding. EDA is interested in this project and hopefully State and Federal funds will be explored along with private funding.

Stauffer said he would be interested in seeing if there is a cost effectiveness to this plan, seeing if it would help the businesses bring in more revenue.

Susan Bury asked what steps there are for the public. She was told there would be more meetings held on this subject, as it is a very large project.

**STANDING COMMITTEE – Administration** Kampfe told the Council that the negotiating committee met with the new union and the main point of discussion from the union was the request for a 4% raise with the 1% longevity which is what the police union is receiving for the 07-08 year. Job descriptions were also discussed with the decision being made that they need to be updated and if any employee does not have one currently, one will need to be written. This is something that will be done throughout the upcoming year so they are in place for the next year.

**Police and Emergency Services** None.

**Land Use and Planning** Stauffer told the Council that he read in the newspaper that RC&D had met with the County Commissioners regarding mass transportation. Stauffer sent an e-mail to RC&D informing them that he is very interested in this topic and if they need any help informing the City he would be willing to help them. They responded to his e-mail and he attended a meeting with them on the topic. They exchanged information regarding aging population and the increasing number of service workers commuting. He said RC&D spoke on the topic of turf protection and how it relates to our area. It makes it very hard to do anything in the area of public transit. Stauffer said he would funnel any information given to him on to RC&D.

**Public Works – Parks Board Appointment** Reynolds said the Rotary Club would like to have an appointment to the Parks Board but the person they have in mind has not yet committed. Reynolds recommended tabling this item at this time until a representative can be found.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Lockman to table this item until a further date. On voice vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Request to Vacate Adjoining Easement – Block 58 – Lot 1** The owners of this lot, Tim and Kathy Schruth, are requesting the City vacate a sixty foot easement immediately to the north of their property. Their home is under construction and they would like the area for landscaping and beautifying.

The City’s Public Works Director told the Council that he is not in favor of this vacation. He would like this area to be retained until a decision is made on where the storm drain system will be installed.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Stauffer to approve the vacation of 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Rock Creek and Chambers. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “No.” Motion failed.

**CITIZEN REPORT** Angie Hazelswart read a letter she wrote to the Council regarding water drainage issues around town. She said she has an interest in the amount of water that accumulates at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Haggin as she lives there. She said when the snow melts or it rains a huge lake forms at this intersection in front of her house. She said the crown of the road is too high for the water to travel to the drain. She has reported this problem in the past and the City is aware of the problem. She said she made a suggestion to the PWD of a cement v pan being considered for the intersection. She thought this may be a less expensive way to solve the problem. She said Mr. Boyer told her there was a chance of installing a new drain at this intersection this summer but could not promise it would be done. Hazelswart is concerned of the damage being done to the sidewalks and street with this water and the ice that accumulates on the sidewalk in the winter. She urges the Council to take care of these drainage problems and to allocate funds to do so.

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS – Resolution No. 3234 – CREB’s Resolution**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3234**

**AGREEING TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND COLLABORATIVELY SELECTING ENGINEERING FIRM(S) TO DEVELOP WIND ENERGY; COMMITTING \$4,000 PER MEGAWATT IN FUNDS TOWARDS THE FEASIBILITY PHASE OF THE CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF BEARTOOTH RC&D (BRCD) IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge has been authorized by the Internal Revenue Service to sell Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS);

**AND WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge recognizes the economy of scale of collaborating on this project with other local governments authorized to sell Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, and the local economic development organizations assisting those local governments;

**AND WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge recognizes the “economy of scale” in selecting one engineering firm to assist all of the local government entities with the feasibility phase of this project;

**AND WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge is a member of the Beartooth RC&D, supports BRCD, and desires the assistance of BRCD;

**AND WHEREAS**, BRCD is able to assist in the preparation of funding requests, leveraging funds for the project, and general project administration duties;

**AND WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge has funds available that can be used towards the local match portion of the feasibility phase;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge that:

1. \$2000 has been set aside and is committed, based on \$4,000 per megawatt, for the local match of the feasibility phase of the Clean Renewable Energy Project, and
2. The City of Red Lodge is requesting the assistance of Beartooth RC&D in this project; and
3. The City of Red Lodge is agreeing to work collaboratively with other local governments on this wind energy project; and
4. The City of Red Lodge is agreeing to collaboratively select engineering firm(s) with the other local governments involved with this project.

This process will be a collaboration with other entities regarding the funding the City has received but it is not yet sure where the facility will go.

Motion by Mahan, second by Kampfe to approve Resolution No. 3234. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 3235 – Loan Resolution – RD Loan - \$4,304,715**

**LOAN RESOLUTION NO. 3235 (caption)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS WATER FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO:**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the City of Red Lodge (herein after called Association) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of Four Million Three Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and xx/100 Dollars pursuant to the provisions of Mt Code Annotated, Title 7, CH7, Parts 44 and 45; and

This is a resolution for the funding of \$4,304,715 from Rural Development for the 2007 water project that will be done soon.

Motion by Mahan, second by Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 3235. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**MISCELLANEOUS** Mayor Roat said he is trying to find the address for corporate Harley Davidson to seek help with the request to have bikers hold down the noise of their bikes as the time will soon be upon us for the Harley Rodeo. He said he will continue by asking Barry Usher for help with the noise problem and motorcycles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Minutes corrected at the May 22 Council meeting.



