

November 27, 2012

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on November 27, 2012, 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 Foisy, Mahan, Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: Community Development Director – Forrest Sanderson and City Clerk – Debbie Tomicich.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13 Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of November 13 as submitted. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES – RC&D Annual Joel Bertolino said that Beartooth RC&D is a regional economic development group. Bertolino is in attendance to speak to some of the projects RC&D has been involved with this past year. Beartooth staff assisted Healthy Pantry which is a healthy meal planning business in Red Lodge in developing a successful Rural Development marketing program. They helped secure approximately \$45,000 for this project. A marketing consultant was hired to provide ongoing advisory services around their key issues. Bertolino said this has been very successful.

The Red Lodge/Roberts Boys and Girls Club obtained a five year grant for \$350,000 to pay for staffing, transportation and equipment for the expansion of the Red Lodge Boys and Girls services to the Roberts Community. To qualify for the grant the Club needed to utilize the free and reduced lunch percentages from a partnering school. RC&D felt that Roberts had the numbers needed and with its proximity it would be a great partner.

Bertolino said the Wild West is a regional tourism effort to take an area that has a commonality in heritage and old west history and then try to develop a tourism type effort across state borders around some of the sites. An \$80,000 grant was received to develop this study.

The Roberts Community Foundation received a small grant to do planning for Roberts. This is an ongoing project.

The Carbon County Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program has been able to do a lot with the YBRA Camp making it safer in connection with wildfires.

Bertolino said the RC&D was able to work with the Red Lodge Area Development Council and the Red Lodge Community Foundation to try and make a transition with the group. This effort is still in progress.

Foisy asked if there was any way to specifically market Red Lodge businesses in the Revolving

Loan Fund program. Bertolino said that RC&D is trying to build relationships with local banks. This has helped in bringing people to RC&D for help.

STANDING COMMITTEES – ADMINISTRATION – Offer to Purchase Lots 3 and 4, Block 49 – Cooper Lots Motion by Williams, second by Labrie to counter the offer made by Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$30,000 to counter offer of \$35,000. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Roat pointed out that the counter offer of \$35,000 would be a total for the purchase of Lots 3 and 4. This would then make the purchase price of \$17,500 per lot as they are the same size and the same value.

Schoenike commented that he likes the idea of Habitat looking at the potential of duplex’s rather than just single family.

Beth Hutchinson said she was curious as to where these funds would be placed. Sanderson said the total outstanding debt that was incurred by the City on the Cooper Lots was \$217,937.07 and he said that to date, through the sale of other assets, the City has recaptured \$190,400 of this leaving a difference of \$27,537.07. Proceeds from this sale would retire the balance of that outstanding debt and would return a net of somewhere between \$52.93 and a total of \$1972.93 to the Capital Projects account.

LED Lights – NorthWestern Energy NorthWestern Energy said they would be willing to meet with the Administration Committee on December 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The Admin. Committee will then report back to the Council as a whole at that evening’s meeting.

Sanderson said that NorthWestern Energy cannot put non-approved technology on their system and they own all the street lights in town. The City pays maintenance and electrical usage. He said that if the City is desirous of pursuing LED lights the City would have to buy this infrastructure back from NorthWestern Energy and then the City would need to purchase whatever technology they wanted to install.

Mayor Roat said that at the present time all the bulbs on Main Street are working. He sent a note to NorthWestern Energy thanking them for seeing that the bulbs were replaced.

Labrie said the Administration Committee approved a check today in the amount of \$3692.15 to pay for the new police Chevy Tahoe after the two trade-ins.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES Williams said there were 50 ambulance responses made in October. Of these responses 46% were ALS transports and 54% were BLS transports. He said the type of transport made is dictated by the doctors.

Danielle Barnes has completed her probationary period with the City and now is a certified full-time police officer.

The Ambulance District has received a grant in the amount of \$136,000 to purchase a new ambulance.

LAND USE AND PLANNING Labrie said the topic of the Planning Board meeting scheduled for November 28, 5:00 p.m. is Known Issues of Current Growth Policy. The Land Use and Planning Committee received a list of all the organizations that received letters of invitation to participate in these discussions.

PUBLIC WORKS – Appointment to Red Lodge Parks Board Motion by Richter, second by Schoenike to approve the appointment of Bob Matter to the Red Lodge Parks Board. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Authorize INTERCAP Loan Application – Broadway Water Rehab Project Motion by Mahan, second by Richter to approve the Intercap Loan Application for the water rehab project on Broadway. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Sanderson said the amount of the Intercap Loan would be \$254,400. Intercap provides short term, moderate interest loans to communities without a lot of problematic hoops to jump through. This loan will give a contingency fund of \$224,000 with a balance of \$5000 for bond counsel and \$25,400 held in reserve by Intercap to insure that the City makes payments on time. If the contingency fund is not needed it will be returned and the payments will be drastically reduced.

Sanderson said the pre-bid meeting for this project will be held in City Hall on December 6 and the bid opening will be at City Hall on December 20.

Foisy said that he would like it noted that staff did notify the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association of the traffic control plan. Sanderson said he went one step further and sent the MDT traffic control plans on Red Lodge North to both entities.

Resolution #3353 – Create Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 3353

RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE TO
CREATE A SEPARATE FUND FOR THE NEWLY DEVELOPED CEMETERY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2012, the Red Lodge City Council approved Resolution #3352 that designated 25% from the sale of any cemetery lot be deposited into a Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council is desirous of operating and maintaining a new and separate fund to manage the accounting for the Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana Budget Accounting and Reporting System incorporates an approved fund number 4031 for the administration of the Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana to adopt Resolution Number 3353, which formally creates and authorizes the use of fund number 4031 by the Red Lodge City Council. Further, this fund number shall be used in Fiscal Year 2013 and subsequent years.

Motion by Schoenike, second by Mahan to approve Resolution #3353, a resolution by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge to create a separate fund for the newly developed Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mahan said the Public Works Committee had a good meeting today. They discussed the fencing by the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary. Mahan said she would let the Sanctuary know the dates for the placing of this fencing. It will be done on December 5th and 6th. If they have any questions Mahan and Boyer will go and visit. It was asked what is being done with the fencing. Mayor Roat said this will be a utility easement for the storm water drainage and hillside drainage from Brewery Hill as part of the Highway project.

CITIZEN REPORT Sanderson said he had a report from VFW Post 4725 regarding the concept of a military flyover on July 4th brought to the Council by Betty Ansonge. Sanderson said the VFW Post picked up the idea and have completed the necessary application for a military flyover. Sanderson said that when he corresponded with the officials at Malmstrom Air Force Base he was told that since the VFW will be the sponsors of this application it is a virtual lock. Sanderson said the VFW would appreciate a formal acknowledgment that the City of Red Lodge supports this flyover as part of the 4th of July celebration.

Motion by Mahan, second by Schoenike to approve the Council’s support of a flyover on the 4th of July 2012. On voice vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mahan said that Robert “Doc” Foglesong, a Four-Star General Veteran of the Air Force, will be her Grand Marshal for the parades on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th. He lives outside of Roberts.

Diane Larson asked if Betty Ansonge would receive acknowledgment and be included as she is the one who first brought this idea to the Council. Sanderson said that this will be taken care of. He said he believes a plaque will be awarded to her for her contribution.

CORRESPONDENCE A report was given to the Council from the Airport Board regarding lease issues.

Dan Gainer submitted an example of cemetery plot rates from the community owned Billings Cemetery for the Council information.

The standard listing report on the Cooper Lots was given to the Council from the realtor.

Sanderson said the CTEP Program, as it has existed for nineteen years, is going by the wayside with the new transportation bill approved at the Federal level. The City has just over \$26,000 in the CTEP account. No further annual contributions will be made to this fund as this system is being replaced with a competitive grant program for transportation enhancement. This changes the mix for smaller jurisdictions.

Foisy asked Sanderson if the City had any projects in mind for 2013 for either the Safe Routes to Schools or the Recreational Trails. He said it is a combined program now. He said if the City has a project in mind we need to flesh it out so when MDT is ready we will have a project that is ready to go. Sanderson said that for two years running the City applied to Safe Routes to School to finish the second phase of the sidewalks along Lions Park to the middle school. The second phase would have done the sidewalks along 2nd and 5th Avenue by the high school. The City was denied both these years. Sanderson said with the available funding being changed he is going to wait until he has better programmatic guidance from MDT.

Sanderson said that after two years the City has finally received, from MDT, the approach permit approved for the ¾ access on the southern approach at the hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS Mayor Roat said he spoke with Fish & Game in both Billings and Helena regarding the multitude of turkeys in town. Helena gave Mayor Roat a sample ordinance regarding the feeding of wild animals in town. He will give this to the Council to review and see what can be done for Red Lodge. The number of turkeys is becoming quite a problem.

Schoenike said he had a conversation with Tim Weamer regarding a City website. Schoenike said he will be working with Weamer to try and update the existing City of Red Lodge.com website as a stopgap measure while a new City of Red Lodge website is being developed.

Richter said she attended the Parks Board meeting last week and she said the main item of discussion was how to get any of their excess funds in their budget year into a capital reserve fund so they can do bigger projects. They will discuss this with the City Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk