

October 23, 2012

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on October 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Mahan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS Present: Acting Mayor Mahan, Aldermen Richter, Labrie, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: Mayor Roat.

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9 Motion by Schoenike, second by Richter to approve the minutes of October 9 as submitted. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES – Website Committee Schoenike reported that the website committee, Schoenike, Williams and Labrie, met briefly last week. He said they spent time looking at some of the other websites that are available as possible tag ons. They decided that none of them would be sufficient for what they would like to see happen in terms of a City website. The committee will be moving forward with trying to establish a new web address and a fully independent web site. Williams is going to look at the budget to see if there are any available funds to pursue this project. Schoenike said he is going to look at some of the options in terms of potentially having a .gov or an .us web address. This is just a little more indicative of a government web address. Schoenike also is looking into having a list serve that people and businesses could use to receive information and as a communication tool. This can be a very informative way for businesses to get the information they will find to be beneficial. This will also be a way for people to see the Council minutes and the meeting agendas.

STANDING COMMITTEES – ADMINISTRATION – Christmas Stroll – November 30 and December 1, 2012 Patty Davis, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance at the meeting to inform the Council of what would be happening at this year’s Christmas Stroll. It will be held on November 30 and December 1, 2012. They will close Highway 212 from 8th Street to 14th Street. They have permission from the MDT for the closure and also have the necessary insurance for the event. The closure will be from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. both evenings. The non-profits will be on the east side of the street with the west side remaining open for the wagon rides that will be held and for emergency vehicles. The Council gave their support for this event.

Carbon Conservation District – Urban Supervisor Appointment – Mike Creeden Motion by Labrie, second by Williams to approve the appointment of Urban Supervisor, Mike Creeden for the Carbon Conservation District. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

This will be a three year appointment for Mr. Creeden.

Return of Fee – Use of City Owned Land – Pedal Your Bike MT Motion by Williams, second by Schoenike to return the fee for the use of City owned land to Pedal Your Bike MT as the event was cancelled due to weather. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES Williams said the Police and Emergency Services Committee received a complete list of all the apparatus owned by the City and the Rural Fire Departments. He said it is good information on each apparatus such as when purchased, price and life expectancy. This information will be passed on to all Council members.

Williams told the Council that the Police have completed the purchase of a new Tahoe and they received a trade in on the two '08 Tahoe's they currently are using. One of the trade in vehicles had 120,000 miles and the other had 90,000 miles. With the two trade ins the cost of the new Tahoe will be approximately \$4000.

Motion by Williams, second by Mahan to approve authorizing the Mayor to trade in the two '08 Tahoe's. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

LAND USE AND PLANNING – Bids Received – Proposed Lease Tract B-5 Labrie said the City received one bid on Tract B-5. The bid received was from Kam Stevens of Silver Strike. This bid has been accepted and will be a twenty-five year lease with a monthly payment of \$420. She said a lease will be put in place once Sam Painter, City Attorney, has reviewed it and then it will go to Kam Stevens for his attorney to review. Hopefully this lease will be in place by the first of the year.

LED Lamps for Street Lights Sanderson told the Council that George Beudet has offered to give the City at least three LED bulbs so they can be installed to see how they work on the street lights. The Land Use and Planning Committee will ask Mr. Beudet if he would be willing to donate more bulbs so an entire intersection could be lit to give a better demonstration of the lights. The proposed bulbs are 28 watts of LED versus the 250 watts of high pressure sodium currently being used. Sanderson said the City will probably encounter some resistance from NorthWestern Energy when it comes to the LED bulbs.

Sanderson said the cost of the bulbs over time is probably equivalent to the current ones but the savings would come in lower power costs. Sanderson said the operation and maintenance cost portion of the contract with NorthWestern Energy would remain the same but the power consumption should go down by 80%. The City should see serious savings in this component. Sanderson said he is hoping that NorthWestern Energy would pay for the bulbs as part of their O&M agreement with the City.

These lamps will be installed so there can be knowledgeable comparisons made.

PUBLIC WORKS – Ordinance #896 – Snow Removal City Streets – Public Hearing/2nd

Reading Acting Mayor Mahan opened the public hearing. No one from the public had anything to say regarding the ordinance. Acting Mayor Mahan closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE # 896

AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY AND REVISE THE RED LODGE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.

Motion by Richter, second by Schoenike to approve Ordinance #896, an ordinance to clarify and revise the Red Lodge removal of snow and ice from public streets within the City on second reading. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Parks Board Appointment – Bob Matter Schoenike stated that this vacancy had not been noticed. The City notices Board vacancy so anyone who may be interested will have the opportunity to state their interest. The Council agrees the vacancy should be noticed before an appointment is made but Mr. Matter’s letter of interest will be kept until the appointment is made.

Motion by Schoenike, second by Williams to postpone this item until after the Parks Board properly notices the vacancy and members of the public have the opportunity to apply. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Revised Fee Schedule – Cemetery Schoenike has done some calculations based on Resolution #3040 that was passed in 1996 which was the last time that the fee schedule for the cemetery has been updated. Based on a variety of factors including inflation and prices that were obtained from other Carbon County cemeteries as well as from Billings. The City’s budget was also looked at to help if raises enough to take care of the cemetery. Schoenike sent out a revised resolution for the Council to review. Schoenike said the Public Works Director also weighed in on the discussion to state his issues so they are cleared up. Schoenike will meet with Boyer to totally make sure everyone is on the same page before anything is adopted.

More discussion will be held and questions answered so the distribution of funds can be set up so Cemetery Trust funds can be used and hopefully set up a capital fund to help take better care of the cemetery. Schoenike will move forward on the fee structure.

Broadway Water Rehab – Authorize Call for Bids This item was removed from the agenda but Schoenike asked for a little discussion on this topic. Sanderson said the total project budget approved for the Broadway Water Rehab Project was roughly \$2.2 million. This included construction, flowable fill, engineering costs and contingency. The revised engineering estimate for the construction component of this budget is about \$1.7 million. The City engineer is still comfortable with the numbers. Sanderson said he would get the information out to the businesses along Broadway so they will stay informed on the progress of the project.

CITIZEN REPORTS None

CORRESPONDENCE Sanderson told the Council that NeighborWorks Montana has been accepted into the HOME Program. This has been approved by the State.

MISCELLANEOUS Mahan said she has confirmation that Town Pump has purchased the Comfort Inn.

Patty Davis told the Council that the Chamber has a couple of upcoming meetings. On November 5 the State Office of Tourism has hired Open Window Consulting to do a five year tourism strategic plan. She invited everyone to attend if they would like and it will be at the Pollard from 1:00 to 3:00.

On November 15 will be the celebration for the Citizen of the Year and this will be held at the Elks Club at 5:30 p.m.

She also said there will be a Cycle Greater Yellowstone Community Event volunteer meeting that will take place on November 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Community Foundation building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk