

September 12, 2006

The City Council met to hold a public hearing for the fiscal year 2006-2007 preliminary budget. The public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. on September 12, 2006. This public hearing was noticed in the Carbon County News, at City Hall and the Post Office.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS Present: Mayor Roat, Aldermen Bullock, Mahan, Lockman, Stauffer, Scanlin and Reynolds. Absent: None.

Mayor Roat opened the public hearing stating it was being held to receive oral and written testimony concerning the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. The public has the right to speak.

There was no public attendance at the noticed public hearing. Stauffer read a letter he received from Richard Gessling commenting on Resort Tax funds and his concerns with the lack of weed spraying.

A letter was also received from Mary Fitzgerald regarding the idea of having some park equipment at the ball field. It was thought that this is something that would come from Resort Tax. The Council received this letter in July. It was unknown if the Parks Board had been included in this request.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on September 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roat followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 22 Motion by Scanlin, second by Stauffer to approve the minutes of August 22 as submitted. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY Scanlin reported the claims totaled \$112,209.10.

Motion by Scanlin, second by Reynolds 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.

OFFICERS REPORTS There were no officers reports submitted for this meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES None

STANDING COMMITTEES – Administration Scanlin would like to see a line item budget for General Fund and Resort Tax Fund approved at the Council at the next meeting.

Police and Emergency Services Lockman said that she, Aaron McDowell, Bill Bullock, Tom Kuntz and John Prinkki met to continue the process of the ambulance districting. Lockman said if this district is formed the voters of the City and County will vote on the mills set by the Board. Bullock said that items like employees and whether or not they would be contracted and how things like retirement and health care to be handled. These things will be looked into before anything is done.

Land Use and Planning – Ordinance No. 867 Amended – Development Code – first reading

**ORDINANCE NO. 867-AMENDED
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECOND AMENDED RED LODGE
DEVELOPMENT CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED THROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 867
INCORPORATING CHANGES IN CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 3.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE,
MONTANA:**

RECITALS

Ordinance No. 867 was previously adopted by the Red Lodge City Council on August 8, 2006 and is referred to and commonly known as the Second Amended Red Lodge Development Code;

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Red Lodge ordains as follows:

AMENDMENTS

1. The City Council of the City of Red Lodge adopts the changes to Chapter 2 (Roles and Duties) of the Second Amended Red Lodge Development Code to remove the words ‘or Contractor’ from sections 12-2-7, 12-2-8 and 12-2-9.
2. The City Council of the City of Red Lodge adopts the changes to Chapter 3 (Application Procedures) of the Second Amended Red Lodge Development Code to correct Table 3.1: Types of Applications and Permits Grouped in Three ‘Tiers’ by adding Planned Unit Development and Conditional Use as a Class III permit and for clarification, removing the words ‘Building Permit’ from Class III in Table 3.6: Red Lodge Building and Development Permit Types and Application Process.
3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption by Majority of the elected members of the City Council.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Mahan to approve Ordinance No. 867-Amended on first reading. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Roat said that MMIA would not cover contractor’s only City Board members or personnel. Contractors are required to have their own insurance coverage. This amendment removes contractors from being covered by the City insurance since they would not be anyway. It was thought that without this change it would infer they would be covered by the City and this is not wanted.

Public Works Mahan spoke with Brian Ostwald who is the County weed person. She said there are several new products on the market that are available locally to fight weeds. She said that Brian is willing to show people how to use the spray and operate the equipment. You do not need to be certified to use this new weed spray. The chemicals can be purchased at AY Supply. The public needs to be informed about this new weed spray. It is not dangerous to animals once the spray has dried.

Mayor Roat said the water and sewer has been brought to the public restrooms. They should be useable very soon. The work done on the restrooms has been done very well.

CITIZEN REPORT Barry Usher told the Council that the Chamber would like to be involved with any forums that are held regarding the Iron Horse Rodeo. The Mayor said he would attempt to get all comments and suggestions and would appreciate help from the Chamber. He said the single most comment he has received so far is in regard to noise control. This is something that would need to be addressed. The Mayor said that this effort gives people the chance to make comments. The public will be part of the process.

OLD BUSINESS – Ordinance No. 868 – Use of City Property – second reading

ORDINANCE NO. 868

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 856

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY BY PARTIES OTHER THAN THE CITY OF RED LODGE.

Motion by Scanlin, second by Lockman to approve Ordinance No. 868 on second reading. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Approval of Red Lodge Housing Plan 2006 Scanlin said that some of the items discussed by the Council at a previous meeting have been incorporated into the plan. She would like to see some definitions put in the plan such as a definition of a moderate-income person. Scanlin said she thought it was interesting in the conclusions that the issue of lack of building sites was stated. She said it is not the lack of sites but the lack of affordable sites.

Bullock wants the City to be careful of how they are drawn into the financing portion of affordable housing. Scanlin said she thought the City would only be the broker for the funds and another entity would take care of the financial aspects.

Mayor Roat said a meeting was held regarding City owned land that could perhaps be made available for affordable housing. The City has the land that could be used. Perhaps a developer could use the land partially in this manner. He said perhaps an RFP could be done to see what could possibly be done in this general direction and see what the options might be. He would like the Council to start thinking in this direction and see what ideas they may have. The keeping or replacement of mobile home housing needs to be addressed also as it will become very important.

NEW BUSINESS – Appointment to Library Board – Tressa McGregor Motion by Lockman, second by Mahan to approve the appointment of Tressa McGregor to the Red Lodge Library Board. On voice vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Consider Union Contracts The Council was asked to read the two contracts to see if they have any questions. The contracts will come back to the table as an action item after the Council has time to review them. The police contract will be a three-year contract and the other employee contract will be for one year the first time with issues being addressed during the first year.

Resolution No. 3221 – Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 3221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007, AS AMENDED BY THE RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Assessor reported that the taxable valuation of the City of Red Lodge for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 is \$4,981,626, and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and there were no protests to the adoption of the Preliminary Budget at a public hearing held on September 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 is hereby adopted and the total mill levy set at 130.86.

Fund Name	Total Requirement	Non-Tax Resources	Property Tax Revenue	Mills
1000 General	2,045,979	1,576,661	469,318	94.21
2190 Comp. Ins.	75,010	42,431	32,579	6.54
2370 Fire Retire	25,513	6,334	19,179	3.85
2371 Health Ins.	100,476	30,776	69,700	14.00
2372 PERS	45,469	40,488	4,981	1.00
2375 Police Retire	45,988	19,785	26,203	5.26
3020 Fire Truck Levy	34,466	4,577	29,889	6.00
2100 Resort Tax	1,379,394	1,379,394		
2220 Library	116,269	116,269		
2396 CDBG/HOME	57,575	57,575		
2500 RSID#8		34,469	34,469		
2820 Gas Tax	130,754	130,754		
2956 ISTEPA	32,002	32,002		
4030 Capt. Proj.	614,302	614,302		
5210 Water Opert.	1,019,952	1,019,952		
5310 Sewer Opert.	1,434,886	1,434,886		
5410 Solid Waste	185,097	185,097		
7010 Ceme. Trust	94,596	94,596		
7050 Dance Pavilion	1,229	1,229		
Total	7,473,426	6,821,577	651,849	130.86

Motion by Lockman, second by Mahan to approve Resolution No. 3221-Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Stauffer had some questions on the line item budgets in particular departments. The wages are not correct on any of the budget papers the Council has. Clean line item budget sheets will be given to the Council before the next regular meeting so they can review them and discussion can then be held on any changes that have been made and to make sure all are in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE Mahan said Wally Olds asked her if there was any movement towards using automatic deduction for payment of water bills. She was told this was something that was asked of the public in the past and the amount of people who indicated they would use this was very minimal. This is something that can be looked into again to see what the thoughts of the public would be and what the cost would be for the City to have this capability.

MISCELLANEOUS None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Minutes corrected at the September 26 meeting.