

October 6, 2009

The Red Lodge City Council met in special session on October 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was posted at the Post Office and City Hall. The meeting was called for the following agenda item, Solar Project at Wastewater Treatment Plant. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scanlin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present: Mayor Scanlin, Aldermen Kampfe, Mahan, Richer, Labrie, Kennicott and Priest.

**Solar Project at Wastewater Treatment Plant** DEQ contacted the City and told us that a decision had to be made on whether or not the ARRA funds will be used for the proposed solar panels at the sewer treatment plant. This special meeting is being held so this decision can be made in a timely manner and DEQ will then be notified of the decision. Mayor Scanlin reinforced her approval of the revised proposed project. She also thanked all who have worked so hard on the project bringing the information forward to be reviewed. She also commended the Council on further considering the project with the revisions.

Motion by Priest, second by Mahan to accept \$458,353.00 in ARRA funding to complete the Solar Panel project and install variable frequency motors at the municipal waste water treatment plant in accordance with the provisions of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act as well as the requirements of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and consistent with the projections of the Mayors' Climate Protection Committee. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3293**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, TO APPROVE THE SOLAR PANEL VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE ARRA PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge applied for waste water ARRA (stimulus) funding to improve efficiency at the waste water treatment plant in March of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality approved ARRA funding for the City of Red Lodge for improvements at the waste water treatment plant in the amount of \$518,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARRA funding is being administered by the State of Montana under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) with a 0.75% interest rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRF program results in a grant to the City of Red Lodge of 52% of the total project cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council is advised and understands the need for revenue to match the remaining cost of the project that must be amortized by our existing sewer rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Lodge has agreed to implement the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Lodge City Council has determined that the proposed ARRA project as funded by the SRF program is in the best interest of the City of Red Lodge.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE:**

To accept \$458,353.00 in ARRA funding to complete the Solar Panel project and install variable frequency motors at the municipal waste water treatment plant in accordance with the provisions of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act as well as the requirements of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and consistent with the projections of the Mayors' Climate Protection Committee.

Mahan had questions on training and the availability of parts for the project. She said these questions have been answered and training will be given to City staff. This all has been included in the construction budget for the project.

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone involved for the hard work they have done regarding this project.

Elle Elliott said they have prepared a list of questions and answers that may be handed out to people who have questions on the project. She also thanked Henry Dykama for the work and help he put into the project.

David Anderson said he is satisfied with the three systems that he has put in, two of which are smaller and have been installed in homes.

Deb Muth and JoAnn Eder both thanked the Council and all who were involved with the project for the work that was done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Corrections to minutes at the October 13 meeting.