

September 13, 2016

The Red Lodge City Council met for a public hearing on September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was posted at the Post Office and City Hall and noticed in the legal ads of the Carbon County News and supplemental notice was provided on the City's social media sites. The meeting was called for the following agenda item, Public Hearing on Adjustment of Solid Waste Assessment Fees.

Foisy said when the Council did the Solid Waste budget, they calculated the expenditures for the total year to be \$448,000. He said when they did the revenues, which is largely the assessments on property, those amounts totaled \$414,000. He said there is a difference of \$34,000 between the expenditures and the revenues. Foisy said last year we had to borrow \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to balance the Solid Waste Fund. He said the rates have not been adjusted since 2010. Foisy said the increase would be five percent (5%) and the new rate would be \$307.82 per year, per residential property.

The public hearing was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Schoenike.

Diane Dimich, 217 N. Platt, wanted to know how long the fund has been short \$50,000 and how have the changes with the recycling program over the last five years affected the Solid Waste fund.

Mary Cameron, 720 N. Haggin, wanted to know the difference in the recycling options.

Foisy said the \$50,000 is not per year, it was just borrowed last year.

Foisy said he has been tracking the sales of recyclables for about four years and for the last two years they have dropped significantly.

Diane Dimich asked how much the Beartooth Industries expenditures changed over the years.

Labrie said their budget went from \$25,000 to \$30,000 last year.

Diane Dimich said she would be interested in seeing the numbers for revenues and expenditures for the last five years.

Polly Richter wanted to know if the number is based on the cans.

Schoenike said we have had staff working on the discrepancies between what we charge for and what we collect. He said we need to clarify our laws regarding what happens in multi-unit complexes, condos and town houses.

Mayor Schoenike closed the public hearing.

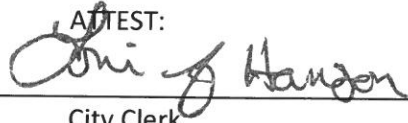
Schoenike said the resolution for this adjustment is on the City Council meeting agenda at 7:00 p.m. tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk