

CITY OF RED LODGE

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May 6, 2016

Carbon County Cemetery District #8 - Red Lodge

REQUEST: Formation of a Cemetery District for the existing Red Lodge Cemetery.

PURPOSE: Creation of a funding source for the future and on-going operation and maintenance of the Red Lodge Cemetery.

NEED: The City has and currently operates in a deficit mode base upon existing revenue sources; and as such, utilizes General Fund monies for the cemetery. The City Council does not believe it can continue to fiscally support the cemetery in the current manner.

AREA: The proposed district boundary will consist of areas both within the City and the County; and will be more generally known as the Carbon County Election Districts 8-11 (See Attached Map).

REVENUE REQUIRED: \$67,525 annually.

FINANCING METHOD: 5 Mills ---- Anticipated to generate approximately \$67,525 annually.

Taxable Value of District as of February 2016, per Department of Revenue --- \$13,505,027
Computation ---- $13,505,025 \times .005 = \$67,525$

EXPENSES: \$ 67,525

- >Cemetery Operations Staff – 2 FTEs for 16 weeks @ 40 Hrs. / week @ \$15.50/Hr. = \$19,840/Yr.
- >Irrigation Pump Electrical - \$3,250/Yr. (11Ac. +/- pumped from ditch 24/7 seasonal)
- >Weed Control - \$2,500/Yr. (both Nuisance and Noxious)
- >Road Grading, Road Base, and Snow Removal - \$4,500/Yr.
- >Underground Sprinkler System with new Well - \$325,000 (15 Year Loan \$30,840 annually)
- >Grass Mowers – Capital Replacement, 5 year cycle - \$950/Yr., Maintenance - \$750/Yr., Fuel - \$850/Yr.
- >Unrestricted Reserve Fund - \$4,045 (approx. 6%)

ANNUAL DEFICIT: \$63,480

TAXPAYER IMPACT of 5 mils: \$100k Home: \$6.75/Yr. ----- \$200k Home: \$13.50/Yr.

CEMETERY DISTRICT --- May 6, 2016

At the May 5, 2016 Public Hearing held by Carbon County, it was agreed that additional public outreach will be needed and that initiation of said outreach will begin immediately. After discussion, the direction was to move forward with the next public hearing (May 16, 2016 @ 7pm) where the County Commissioners would entertain a Resolution of Intent to create the cemetery district.

May 16th Hearing Options --- at the hearing, the Commissioners may either:

- > Vote to Not adopt a Resolution of intent for the creation of the district. If the issue fails the process to create the district ends.
- > Vote Yes to adopt a Resolution of intent to create the proposed district. If the issue passes, a third public hearing will be required.

Post May 16th Hearing --- (assumes Intent Resolution adopted)

- > Mailing of Notice to all Property Owners within the proposed district boundary.
- > 30 Day Comment Period

Post 30 Day Comment Period ---

- > County holds 3rd Public Hearing to receive additional public comments; and at that 3rd public hearing, the Commissioners may either:
 - > Vote to Not adopt a Referendum Resolution. If the Referendum Resolution is not adopted, the process to create the district ends.
 - > Vote Yes to Adopt a Referendum Resolution ordering a vote on the creation of the district. If the Referendum Resolution is approved, the election date is set.

*** The Commissioners requested confirmation that the City would cover the costs associated with the mailed notice and actual mail ballot election. All Landowners within the proposed District who are also Registered to Vote in Montana will be eligible to vote in the Cemetery District election.

Post Election / Final Action ---

After the election, the Commissioners adopt either a Resolution to Create or Resolution to Not Create the cemetery district based on the result of the election.