

July 8, 2014

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on July 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present: Mayor Williams, Aldermen Foisy, Mahan, Larson, Labrie, Schoenike and Brown. Absent: None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE:** Community Development Director – Forrest Sanderson, City Clerk – Debbie Tomicich, Interim City Clerk- Loni Hanson, Public Works – Jim Bushnell and Police Chief – Steve Hibler.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY** Motion by Labrie, second by Larson that claims against the City totaling \$68,356.24, 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.

Labrie pointed out a few of the claims that were approved that are of interest. Back Alley Metals submitted a claim for \$2,370 for trash cans paid for by the parks board budget. A payment was made to Mojo Graphics for \$2,700 for the graphics on the police vehicles. \$1,310 was submitted from US Radar, for a phantom patrol moving radar with antenna, for the police department. Labrie asked Chief Hibler what it was and he stated it was a new radar that will be installed in one of the police cars.

**OFFICERS REPORTS** The officer’s reports were presented to the Council for their review. Mayor Williams stated that there was no audit done during the first quarter for resort tax, but this quarter, those delinquent, as per ordinance, will be audited. There will also be a few random audits done, but not until the third quarter.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING MATTERS WITHIN CITY JURISDICTION THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA** None

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES 1. Report from various committees** Foisy stated that the parks board is going to meet next week and they are anticipating a very active agenda. Larson said that the fire department oversight committee meets tomorrow at 11:00 at the fire hall.

Labrie said the cemetery board met this evening and passed the by-laws on second reading and was approved. They deemed the Mausoleum as a most important part of the cemetery to be taken care of. They will be looking at getting a submittal from different contractors to see who can do the work and what the cost will be and if it will be possible to get done this summer. We also heard from Jim Bushnell, that the pump is up and running up there, it took them eight hours to get it going. It was discussed getting sprinklers and a well or two put in.

Brown said that the library board met last week and reported on summer activities, which the numbers are up in their reading programs and kids activities. They are working on a survey of users that they want to send out in the next couple of months. There is a meeting regarding the

interlocal agreement this week with the library.

Mayor Williams complimented Mahan on the parade. He got an opportunity to watch it in action and it was amazing. He commended the police department for the cleaning of the vehicles to make them look like new. He stated that we had a very quiet 4<sup>th</sup> of July, beginning on July 2 thru the weekend. Mayor Williams stated that we had almost nothing going on that was of any consequence and attributed that to the efforts of the police department being out in the community and being involved. Chief Hibler stated that it wasn't just the police, that they had a meeting with all of the bar owners and talked about the rodeo and the upcoming Harley rally. They did some bar walks and talked to bartenders and patrons. It was very peaceful, quiet and everyone was having a good time.

Mayor Williams is looking for volunteers for our focus group for the capital improvement plan for July 17 and July 24. Each focus group meeting will take about an hour. We'll talk about the things we envision needing for Red Lodge and all the things that need to be done, which becomes part of an overall capital improvement plan, which is currently being worked on by Interstate Engineers. Ultimately, that will be prioritized so we know how many dollars it takes and have a plan where that money can come from. Foisy asked about documenting the results and Mayor Williams said that they have a plan for doing that, and it will be put into a format that you can work with.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES – ADMINISTRATION– SID Creation – Country Club**

**Estates** Sanderson said he received all of the maps and information from the State of MT this afternoon and will be forwarding what he has. He said that he had some trouble getting the map to open and if anyone has any problems, to come see him and he will print it out from his computer. We will be receiving assessments on vacant and property owner lists. Sanderson suggested that it would be in our best interest to have Val Sharbono, with the State Appraisal Office, to meet with the Mayor and a subcommittee of the council to work through this.

#### **Use of City Owned Land – Blue Ribbon Music Festival – Parking by Rodeo and Fair**

**grounds** Motion by Labrie, second by Brown to approve the use of City owned land for the Blue Ribbon Music Festival for parking by the Rodeo and Fair Grounds. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried. Event to take place Aug. 9, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Labrie wanted to make sure that there would be no camping and that anyone attending is aware that there is no camping. Rocky Roberts said that camping wasn't put on there, but asked what he would need to do if he did want camping and Labrie stated that he would have to resubmit the land use form stating the hours of that with more details. Labrie also wanted Rocky to be aware of the road construction that might be taking place on airport road during that time. Rocky is expecting 500 to 600 people.

**Emergency Services** Larson stated that they are talking with the fire chief about updating the fire ordinance and will have that for the council next meeting and that it's just a matter of adopting the new international fire codes. Brown said there was a meeting last week, which was kind of a dual purpose, one to work on safety issues on the street between the Boys and Girls club and Field School Park and also to have an opportunity to have Chief Hibler lead us in a community policing exercise. Chief Hibler said that the whole concept is to get this problem solving group together and identifying the real problems that we have to deal with, with our traffic and that whole congested area including the kids. He wants to identify the resources that we have to apply to either eliminate the problem, reduce the effects of the problem, or how we can positively impact that area. Hibler stated that everyone was sent home with homework to do and they are meeting again next week at 10:00 a.m. to try to work on some short term solutions and some long term solutions.

**Land Use and Planning** Sanderson reminded the council that the planning board public hearing on 2014 draft zoning regulations will be tomorrow, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. He wanted to stress to the council the 2014 zoning regulations are a complete rework and that it is a new document. The council will get a summation of the major items when the planning board recommendations come forward. Mayor Williams asked Sanderson when the council could expect to see it first time around and Sanderson stated that it would be two weeks.

**Public Works** Foisy said that the Community Development Block Grant planning grant for a preliminary engineering report for the wastewater plant has been completed and Forrest will submit it electronically this Thursday. Foisy said that there is a little nuance specifically on what we approved and what we are actually applying for. He said at the last meeting we talked specifically about spray irrigation, but it became apparent from the engineering report that we would have to look at the collection, treatment and discharge. If we ever wanted to change the permit with DEQ or get any public dollars from CDBG, then we need to do a little broader perspective than just spray irrigation. They will be probably know in a couple of weeks. Foisy wanted to thank Bruce Steffen in the Public Works Department for helping him with understanding the numbers. Foisy said that they talked about the capital improvement plan and the community transportation enhancement program funding that Red Lodge is going to receive from the county and our own funds, total about \$50,000 that we can spend on parks. The first set of dollars will go toward the irrigation system at Field School Park. We're not sure how much it will cost, but we will still have money left over and will have the Parks Board give recommendations on where to spend the balance of the dollars. We'll be meeting with the Library Board tomorrow to discuss interlocal agreement. Foisy said that Schoenike has been working on the pool memorandum of understanding with the community foundation to create an endowment that will eventually fund the operations of the pool and it is getting close to being completed. Bushnell stated that the pool is losing 6,000 to 12,000 gallons per day through the pumping system. Foisy said that the Parks Board is meeting next week and hopefully, will set a date for the public hearing on the draft Parks Comprehensive Park Plan. Foisy talked about

telemetry and the meters and mentioned that the lift station was shut down for a while and some of our clients may need to install grinders. The wall in Field School Park playground is to be started on next week. Foisy said that \$16,000 has been committed out of the Parks Board budget for that project.

**Citizen Report-** None

**Correspondence-** None

**Miscellaneous-** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk