

October 13, 2015

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on October 13, 2015 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, Labrie, Schoenike and Brown. Absent: Alderman Thompson.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: City Clerk – Loni Hanson, Police Chief- Steve Hibler, and Community Development Director-Peter Italiano.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of September 2, 2015. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Foisy, second by Labrie to make the following amendment to the September 2, 2015, Public Hearing minutes: first paragraph, second line, after “Carbon County News” add “and supplemental notice was provided on the City’s social media sites.” On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Schoenike and Mahan suggested that that wording should be included in all of the public hearing minutes going forward.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY Motion by Labrie, second by Brown that claims against the City totaling \$197,450.15 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 \$50.00 was paid to Greg Srock, one of the City’s Police Officers, for using Well Approach Fitness Center and getting reimbursed the monthly membership fee for using the facility more than 10 days a month, per their union contract. She also pointed out \$35,161.81 was paid to Sweeney Masonry Construction for the work being done on the Mausoleum, which they are almost finished with.

OFFICER REPORTS Officer reports were included in the Council packets.

Foisy commented on the Resort Tax report. He said the first two quarters are up by 1.6% from the previous year, lodging was up and retail percentage is down by 5.5% from last year.

Foisy said in the clerk’s report, the sale of recyclables, to date, has collected on average about \$200 per month, where as last year, we were collecting around \$500 per month. Foisy said he was not sure if this is due to the volume of recyclables or the price.

Mayor Williams said one of the reasons the dollar amount has dropped is because we have not had anyone picking up cardboard in town. Republic Services is now picking up the cardboard, and we should see our numbers go back up to where they have historically been.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES- ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- Library MOU Brown said the current draft of the Library MOU was included in the Council packets. She wanted to thank Foisy for all the work he had done on the MOU that was started around a year ago. Brown said the City attorney reviewed the draft and made a few changes and then the Library Board made a few changes. Brown wanted the Council to look over the MOU and give any suggestions that they may have before it comes back to Council at the October 27, 2015, meeting for action.

LAND USE AND PLANNING- Real Estate Sale, Granite Peak Plumbing Peter Italiano, Community Development Director, said he was approached by the owner of Granite Peak Plumbing in regards to purchasing some City owned property adjacent to his property on Airport Road. Italiano said he had interest from the committee to move forward with the procedures lined out for selling City owned land.

Code Enforcement- Italiano said he showed a power point presentation to the committee today, regarding moving forward with some type of code enforcement program and how we would implement it. He said he was going to discuss it with the Planning Board tomorrow night and would report back to the Council.

Task Planning Board to review and suggest revisions to Zoning Motion by Schoenike, second by Brown to task the Planning Board with reviewing and suggesting any potential revisions to our Zoning Regulations. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Schoenike said this is just standard procedure to make any appropriate adjustments to our zoning, subdivision and flood plain regulations.

Schoenike said the Planning Board would be meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, at City Hall at 5:30.

Lions Den Demolition Schoenike said they have been working on vacating the Lions Den, which was the building used by the Lions Club to store equipment that was used to maintain the park. He said they have found temporary storage for those items and the building will be coming down soon.

Brown wanted to thank Susan Foisy for her time and information on moving forward with this project.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY- Resolution #3399, Right of Way Encroachment Permit Exemptions Mahan moved this from an action item to a discussion item. Mahan said this afternoon the Public Health and Safety Committee took a walk on Broadway Avenue with a visually impaired individual, Chris Northcutt, who donated her time, to get an idea of how difficult the sidewalks were to get around. Mahan said it was very informative and would like to take a look at the resolution again and make sure we have covered the entire basis.

PUBLIC WORKS Easement Request, Northwestern Energy Motion by Foisy, second by Mahan to approve the agreement for Easement Request from Northwestern Energy as modified. On roll call vote all Alderman present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Foisy said this will provide a 10ft wide underground electrical easement on portion of 5th street from Villard going east towards Broadway to accommodate the new building being built on the corner of 5th St. and Broadway.

Schoenike said the City had a franchise agreement with Northwestern Energy and he thought that agreement provided access to our rights-of-way and wondered why this document was needed.

Italiano said Northwestern Energy did locates along the rights-of-way of Broadway and found water, sewer, gas, and power and was told it would be more of a problem to go into the current rights-of-way, then it would be to go into the clean strip along 5th St.

City Boundary Survey Foisy said Red Lodge Survey was tasked in 2014 to firm up our City boundaries. The Council received a draft of the map with the new boundaries in their packets. Foisy said this will come back for public hearing in the near future.

Italiano said the telecommunication towers on the east bench above the Bearcreek Highway are no longer included in the boundaries. He said there was an error in a map several iterations earlier and carried forward on subsequent iterations. Italiano spoke with the property owner, Ron Wolfe, and Mr. Wolfe is more than happy to be outside of the City limits.

Italiano said there is one parcel located off of North Haggin Ave, which is not in the City limits.

Italiano said he would ask Skip Bratton with Red Lodge Surveying to come to the public hearing and give some history about the past surveys and the reasoning's behind some of the odd boundaries.

Ordinance #919, Tree Regulations Foisy said there has been a lot of discussion regarding the ownership of the trees in the rights-of-way. He said for trees that are in the City's rights-of-way, but the people who think they are on their property, the City would like them to water and do any light pruning needed. The City maintains the right to do the heavy duty trimming and the property owners cannot remove any live, diseased or dead tree. Foisy said the ordinance needs to go through more red lining before it will come back for first reading.

Other Public Works items Foisy said KLJ has been working on the preliminary engineering report for the sewer plant.

Foisy said the Public Works committee also discussed a sewer inspection camera. This will allow the Public Works Department to inspect sewer mains for leaks, roots and other damage and help with creating a maintenance program for the sewer system.

Foisy said they have been talking with the County regarding a GIS system agreement. This will be on the County's agenda for this Thursday. Foisy said Tom Kohley has been working on this.

CITIZEN REPORT None.

CORRESPONDENCE Mayor Williams said we received the \$20,000 for the Active Transportation Grant today.

MISCELLANEOUS Labrie said the Cemetery Board met today and they discussed moving forward with creating a Cemetery District and getting it on the ballot for next year. She said they also discussed the headstones at the cemetery. Labrie said there are quite a few stones that are in need of repair and straightening and the Public Works department does not have the manpower or the time to fix all of them. She said they talked with Samantha Long at the Service Society and she is going to get the Board in touch with some grants to help with funding with repairs and, hopefully, some volunteers. Labrie said there still has been some damage

done at the cemetery, but that is being handled. Labrie also mentioned they learned a new word at their meeting, Taphophiles, which are people who like to go to cemeteries and learn their history.

Foisy said he attended the meeting of Beartooth Highway Steering Committee last Thursday in Cody, Wyoming. He said the next project will be from the Top of the World to Island Lake. Foisy said they discussed getting more people behind the economic benefits of the Beartooth Highway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk