

July 14, 2015

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on July 14, 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, Larson, Labrie, Schoenike and Brown. Absent: None.

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

**MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015** Motion by Mahan, second by Labrie to approve the minutes of June 23, 2015. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY** Motion by Labrie, second by Larson that claims against the City totaling \$117,181.17 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 \$3,734.00 was paid to Morrison Mairele for new computers in the Building and Planning Department.

**OFFICER REPORTS** Williams gave an update on the MDT Highway Improvement Project. He said the roundabout and Broadway Ave will be open for the Rally weekend. Starting on Monday, July 20, Broadway Ave will be closed from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street and construction will begin. Williams said traffic coming off of Highway 212 will be using Platt Ave and Hauser Ave for the detours. He said the milling on Broadway will begin in early August and will start where the Highway Department stopped milling and will go to 8<sup>th</sup> street. Williams said from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Robinson Lane will be milled and repaved again and Brewery Hill will be milled and repaved.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEES-ADMINISTRATION Appointment of TBID Committee Members** Mayor Williams recommended the following TBID Committee Board members appointments and terms be approved: Piney Hardiman-2016, Gordon Gallagher-2017, Trish LaCombe-2018, Melissa Moore-2019, and Tulsa Dean-2016.

Motion by Schoenike, second by Labrie to concur with Mayor Williams recommendations of appointments and terms for the TBID Committee Board members. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.”

Trish LaCombe said the Committee’s emphasis is on sponsorship of functions and events during the shoulder season. They have changed their emphasis on advertising during the shoulder

season to more advertising during the summer months. She said the more information they can get out to the lodging businesses and Red Lodge in general, will encourage people to come back. Trish said they are also working on expanding their volunteer members.

**Approval of Form of Election, Mail-In Ballot** Mayor Williams said the City has two choices for the type of election we will hold in November, either a mail-in ballot or go to the Polls to vote. Williams recommended the mail-in ballot.

Motion by Labrie, second by Larson to approve the mail-in ballot form of election. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.”

Labrie said by doing the mail-in ballot, the City will save around \$1,100.00.

Schoenike said there is usually a higher voter turnout with the mail-in ballot.

**Presentation of Plaque for Years of Service** Mayor Williams presented Assistant Police Chief Scott Cope with a plaque for his 20 years of continued service with the City of Red Lodge. Williams thanked Scott for his 20 years of dedication to our community.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES Beartooth Rally Weekend** Williams said the policing would be the same this year as it was last year. He said it worked very well last year and will work well again this year.

Williams said there were rumors of a sniper rifle and how much we spent on it and that it would be on the roof tops. Williams assured everyone the rumors were false.

**LAND USE AND PLANNING Approval of CUP and Design Review for Rock Creek**

**Dental** Schoenike said the Planning Board and Zoning Commission held a public hearing last Wednesday on the design review and conditional use permit for Rock Creek Dental, and both were approved. The building will be primarily brick and will be built on the parking lot next to the Rock Creek Church’s building on Broadway Ave.

**PUBLIC WORKS RFP/SOQ for Preliminary Engineering Report for Wastewater**

**Facilities** Motion by Schoenike, second by Mahan to approve the RFP/SOQ for preliminary engineering report for wastewater facilities, with the following modification: the closing date will be August 14, 2015. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.”

Foisy said this will be advertised by direct mail and will be put into the Carbon County News.

**Other Public Works Items** Foisy said they raised around \$3000 for the Pool Endowment Fund during the Pool Kickoff Party.

Foisy said they met with Beartooth Industries today and discussed the weatherization of the Recycling building and finding someone for the cardboard pickup from the businesses.

Foisy said Cycle Greater Yellowstone will only be using Lions Club Park and not Field School Park as the Council previously approved.

Foisy gave an update on the Parks and Tree Ordinance. He said it will be coming up for first reading in the near future.

Foisy said they are waiting for a Task Order Scope of Work from the City engineer for the sewer siphon and force main engineering that was included in the Capital Improvements Project. Once they have that in place, they can assign the project for engineering.

Foisy commented the Public Works Department is working on final cost estimates from the electricians for the generators at the water and sewer plants.

**CITIZEN REPORT** Trish LaCombe said one of the TBID's main goals was to help Red Lodge establish a convention and visitor's bureau. On the lodging tax, 4% had to be a certain income amount for two years. As of June 1st, last year, we have a Convention and Visitor's Bureau. She said previously we have had \$6000 to \$8000 returned to Red Lodge, but now we have over \$20,000 returned to Red Lodge to help with marketing. Trish said the goal has been accomplished.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS** Mahan said Norrine Linderman and Linda Mackenzie will be doing a country western style performance at the Elks Club on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Mahan said it will be open to the Public and encouraged everyone to attend.

Foisy said there is a Parks Board meeting tomorrow night. He also stated Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m., the Parks Board, BRTA and the Mayor will be doing a trail dedication for one of the extensions of the Coal Miner's/Rock Creek Trail. Foisy said the Montana Conservation Corp was in town last week and did improvements on the Airport Trail and the Coal Miner's/Rock Creek Trail.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

