

October 10, 2017

The Red Lodge City Council met for a public hearing on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Schoenike. The meeting was called for the Proposed Adjustments to the Water and Sewer Rates. This meeting was posted at City Hall, the Red Lodge Post Office and in the legal ads of the Carbon County News and notices were mailed on September 29, 2017.

Officers present: Mayor Schoenike, Aldermen Dimich, Mahan, Thompson, Labrie, Drew and Brown.

Mayor Schoenike opened the Public Hearing.

Mike Sepella, President of Western Security Bank in Billings, said the bank owns 33 lots in the Spires Subdivision. He said charging the extra fees to the empty lots would be detrimental to the lot sales and detrimental in the long run. He asked the Council to reconsider assessing vacant lots.

Marcella Manuel, Coldwell Bankers and Vice President of the Red Lodge MLS, said the Red Lodge Realtors have concerns about the excessive cost that will be assessed to vacant lots and would like the Council to reconsider charging the vacant lots.

Kathy Robson, 305 S. Villard, said she has no problems with charging the vacant lots and the seasonal residents. She said she did have a problem with the very high penalties for being late on a payment.

Lonna Gray, 1430 Lazy M Court, said she supports charging the vacant lot owners and seasonal residents.

Beth Hutchinson, 219 W. 12th St., said she supports the general thrust of having some more money going to support the water facilities, but thinks it could be a little lower.

Diane Dimich, 217 N. Platt, said she still had concerns where the money is being spent. She said she thinks the seasonal residents should pay, but not the vacant lots.

Jean Clugson, 508 N. Hauser, Coldwell Banker Realtor, said she opposes the vacant lot fees that are being proposed.

Clay Cummins, 1367 Lazy M St., agreed with Lonna Gray and supports the proposed fees for vacant lots and seasonal residents.

Dave Westwood, 1471 Kane Circle, said it's a bad idea to significantly change the ground rules underneath people.

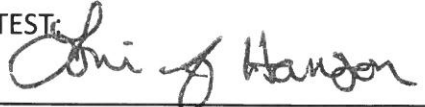
Andy Beres, Remington Ranch, said he doesn't think that the empty lots in Remington Ranch should be charged when there is absolutely zero service from the City.

Don Richards, 6 Alpine Circle, chairman of the Evergreen Subdivision HOA, said the Council needs to long and hard at charging these rates, because a lot of people will be affected.

Mayor Schoenike closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk