

Red Lodge Cemetery District

February 17, 2016

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 support the cemetery in the current manner.

AREA: The Red Lodge High School District (consisting of areas both within the City and the County; and also more generally known as the Carbon County Election Districts 8-11)

REVENUE REQUIRED: \$67,525 K+/- per year.

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

*****based upon \$13,505,025.00 AV --- may change due to Eastern Boundary busts*****

EXPENSES: \$ 67,525

>Cemetery Operations Staff – 2 FTEs for 16 weeks @ 40 Hrs. / week @ \$15/Hr. = \$19,200/Yr.

>Irrigation Pump Electrical - \$2800/Yr. (11Ac. +/- pumped from ditch 24/7 seasonal)

>Weed Control - \$2,500/Yr.

>Road Grading, Road Base, and Snow Removal - \$3,500/Yr.

>Underground Sprinkler System with new Well - \$325,000 (15 Year Loan \$24,000 annual payment approx.)

>Grass Mowers – Capital Replacement, 5 year cycle - \$800/Yr.

---- Maintenance - \$500/Yr. ---- Fuel - \$ 1500/Yr.

>Mausoleum – Concrete and Roof Repair - \$128,000 (15 Year Loan \$8,600 annual payment approx.)

>Unrestricted Reserve Fund - \$4,125 (approx. 6.5%)

ANNUAL DEFICIT: \$63,400 (without a district and revenue rate stream from 5 mils)

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

HISTORIC REVENUE: Inconsistent and fluctuating therefore not factored into above data sets.

Could remain the City's revenue for a period of time in order to offset the years of lost taxpayer revenue through historic operation by the City)

\$ 5,550

>Plot Sales \$675avg. each @ 5-7Yr. = \$4,050/Yr.

>Grave Opening/Closing @ \$250 each @ 5-7/Yr. = \$1,500/Yr.