

May 14, 2013

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roat followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS Present: Mayor Roat, Aldermen Foisy, Mahan, Larson, Schoenike and Williams. Absent: Alderman Labrie.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: Community Development Director – Forrest Sanderson, City Clerk – Debbie Tomicich.

MINUTES OF APRIL 23 Motion by Mahan, second by Schoenike to approve the minutes of April 23 as submitted. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY Motion by Williams, second by Larson that claims against the City totaling \$603,916.09, 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.

Williams reported that the largest claim was from Wilson Brothers for \$577,000 for work done on the Broadway Water Rehab Project. Great West Engineering had a claim for \$27,000 for work done on the same project. Bailey Construction Service has done a lot of paving on streets and their claim was for \$64,000.

OFFICERS REPORTS The officer’s reports were presented to the Council for their review.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES Schoenike reported that work has continued toward redoing or replacing the City website. Williams and Schoenike met with Tim Weamer and Weamer has put together some thoughts as to what needs to be done to move forward with this project. Schoenike said that in light of the cost given, about \$1500, they will be putting this amount in the budget for next year, along with a little more for a cushion and move forward. The City has acquired from Weamer the City of Red Lodge.com domain name along with the CityofRedLodge.net and CityofRedLodge.org which will bring all three domain names to the same place. Schoenike said they hope to have something up and running by the end of the calendar year.

ADMINISTRATION – Solid Waste Contract Negotiations Williams said the Administration Committee is waiting for a draft contract from Republic Services and when it is received it will be reviewed and the committee will begin negotiations.

Mayor Roat reminded everyone that the spring clean-up will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18.

Appoint Resort Tax Review Committee Larson said the Administration Committee would like to thank all who have indicated an interest in participating in the Resort Tax Review Committee. In Red Lodge we are very fortunate to have people who are representative of our community and who are willing to take on this task. The Administration Committee was charged with selecting seven people for the Resort Tax Review Committee and they attempted to select committee members who represent all facets of the community.

Motion by Larson, second by Williams to appoint the following to the Resort Tax Review Committee: Polly Richter, Cheryl Tower, Cynthia Rozamus, Michael Szczutkowski, Corey Thompson, Sherry Weamer and Jeff Schmidt. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Use of City Owned Land – Blue Ribbon Bar – Iron Horse Rally Motion by Williams, second by Larson to approve the use of City owned land by the Blue Ribbon Bar for July 19 – 21, 2013. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Mahan, Larson, Schoenike and Williams. Those opposed: Alderman Foisy. Motion carried.

Williams made an addendum to the motion, second by Larson to add two conditions: 1) stop the music at midnight, and 2) the charge of an additional \$1500 that was done on a previous application. On roll call vote those in favor: Aldermen Mahan, Larson, Schoenike and Williams. Those opposed: Alderman Foisy. Motion carried.

Rocky Roberts, owner of the Blue Ribbon Bar, feels the City could get into a bidding war with the additional fee. Roberts said that if he has to pay the additional fee of \$1500 he will no longer be able to afford the additional security he has always had for this closure. He does not feel he should have to pay for this twice as he feels the additional fee is being placed on his application to help pay for additional police officers for the event. He feels the additional officers would be needed with or without his street dance. Schoenike said this is why the extra fee is only \$1500 instead of the \$4200 estimated by the police for the impact of this event. Roberts said he is prepared to give a \$500 donation for last year and a \$500 donation for this year and he is willing to pay this now.

Beartooth Paddlers Society – Rock Creek Slalom Race The Beartooth Paddlers Society will be conducting a race on Rock Creek June 8, 2013. They will put in the water at the Red Box Car and get out at Rotary Park. They presented their insurance to the City. The Council told them to have a great time but to be careful of the trees in the area when tying off.

Franchise Agreement – NorthWestern Energy Sanderson said the proposed franchise agreement with NorthWestern Energy has been submitted to Sam Painter, City Attorney, for his review. He said the Administration Committee will bring their recommendations on the franchise back to the Council for first reading on May 28, 2013. If there are any concerns or questions on the agreement Sanderson said to drop them to him first and he will distribute. Williams said this new agreement is a ten year agreement rather than a fifty year agreement as the old one was.

City Hall Windows Mayor Roat stated that the windows of City Hall are very dirty and need to be cleaned. He said he will check with Beartooth Industries to see if they can clean them, above and beyond the current contract and if not, he will check with businesses that do this work to get someone hired to clean them.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES Mahan said the meeting once again was a good one and a number of issues were discussed. In attendance were the Assistant Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Ambulance Director. They all discussed training issues, the ballot issue to extend the fire mill levy and the explosives that were stolen. ATF is working diligently on the theft. Larson has requested the use of a formal

agenda for the committee meeting and Mahan said this will be done in the future. She said the agenda will be sent to the Council as a whole along with the City personnel who attend.

Regional Dispatch Mayor Roat said there has been no substantial progress made to pass on at this time. The Mayor has asked Sam Painter to step up his review of this topic. The Mayor said there is a lot of local resistance to this regional dispatch. The City Police have trouble knowing what the County is doing as the old system is not used anymore. The Mayor said the new computer system for cars needs to be in the upcoming budget so the Police can get on track with improvements. Williams said that, in fact this request has already been placed in the upcoming budget.

Fire Mill Levy Larson said the Fire Department is looking at extending the current mill levy for fifteen years. The resolution and information sheets are being put together so the request can come before the Council for a decision. The piece of equipment that is being looked at for purchase is a ladder truck. All the pertinent information needs to be done as the request needs to be given to the election administrator by June 27 so the issue will be on the primary ballot. The information will also be given to the City Attorney to review so everything is done correctly.

LAND USE AND PLANNING – Growth Policy Schoenike said the Planning Board is continuing their work on the Growth Policy. He said they will start meeting every Wednesday as they are falling a little behind schedule. This will be done until the policy is complete. They will not be meeting the third Wednesday of the month as that is when the Parks Board meets.

PUBLIC WORKS – Broadway Water Rehab Project Mahan said the work being done on Broadway is very close to being on schedule. Wilson Brothers is working very hard to keep it all on schedule. They know the importance of being done on time. She said that dust is becoming quite a problem and this will be passed onto the construction company. There have been no major change orders in this project.

Sanderson said the paving of the Broadway project will come in two parts. The City is required by the State to put a highway compliant patch on 212 with this project. Starting about August 1, the MDT crew will tear up Broadway Ave. from 8th Street to Robinson Lane for the Highway 212 project this year. Next spring MDT will come and mill Highway 212.

Swimming Pool Susan Hovde gave the City some good information on ADA requirements for the pool. Mayor Roat printed out information on lifts that are ADA compliant and include the cost of the lifts.

Non-competitive Funding Sources Foisy told the Council that he received some valuable information at the training he just attended regarding things like the CDBG non-competitive funds that could be used by the City. He also said they spoke about a State grant that would be up to \$30,000 that would be a planning grant. There would be a match but Foisy said this grant could be used to help with the Parks Board Master Plan. There are also grant funds that could be used to update the Capital Improvements Program with a match involved. Foisy said this is something that can be looked at to get a couple of projects done with minimal funding as the grants are about a three to one match.

CITIZEN REPORT Betty Ansonage asked again if she would be receiving recognition for the work she did on the potential flyover by the military on July 4th. The flyover that is scheduled will not be a military one but will be done by locals and should be a very good one.

Michael Szczutkowski thanked the Council for his appointment to the Resort Tax Review Committee. He also thanked the City for paving 3rd Street from Bonner to Haggin. Szczutkowski asked if the City has had any comments from any businesses regarding the loss of pieces of brick work due to the project that is being done. He was told that the City has not and was asked if the Pollard is losing brick pieces. He said they are having a little problem with this. Szczutkowski was told that this would be brought to the attention of the City Engineer. Szczutkowski also asked about the running of stop signs when it comes to the traffic. Mayor Roat said he feels this is partially due to the detours around the project area. Szczutkowski asked if the City has code enforcement and that he was speaking in regard to people having junk on their property that is spilling onto City property. He was told the City has rules but no code enforcement officer so if there is a problem that needs to be addressed the property owner would be notified. He also asked if the City had a grant writer in house and was told no we do not.

Rocky Roberts said that he and his family were at Lions Park on Mother's Day and there were a lot of carpenter ants out. The Mayor thanked him for bringing this to the City's attention.

CORRESPONDENCE None

MISCELLANEOUS Foisy told the Council that he would be out of town from May 17 through May 25. He was told that this is acceptable and to have a nice time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk