

December 8, 2020

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present: Mayor Larson, Aldermen Hoffman, Lyman, Mahan, Weamer, and Westwood.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE:** City Clerk – Loni Hanson, Public Works – Jim Bushnell, City Attorney – Rebecca Narmore, Police Chief – Jason Wells, and Community Development Director - James Caniglia.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020** Motion by Mahan, second by Westwood to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 work session as presented. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020** Motion by Mahan, second by Hoffman to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 regular session as presented with attachments. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2020** Motion by Mahan, second by Hoffman to approve the minutes of November 24, 2020 work session as presented with attachments. On roll vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**WARRANTS PAYABLE** Motion by Mahan, second by Westwood to approve warrants against the City totaling \$230,745.84 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.

Mahan said we paid Northwestern Energy \$11,586.81 and Republic Services \$38,830.81. She said we paid UEC Compressions \$18,078.78 for new blowers at the Sewer Lagoons.

**OFFICER REPORTS** Council received the monthly Police Report, Resort Tax and Clerk reports.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS-** Mayor Larson thanked Aldermen Hoffman and Weamer for their time spent on the Council.

Chief Wells presented Sargent Gregory Srock with the Meritorious Service Award. This award is presented to employees for acts involving personal risk-posing hazards that could lead to serious injury or loss of life to the employee

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Al Bloomer, 302 Kainu, wanted to know if the Pool Committee has any direction from Council regarding the pool.

Mayor Larson said in the earlier work session, Alderman Westwood stated that the Council is in favor of moving forward with the pool.

**OLD BUSINESS-** None.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** Alderman Hoffman read a statement, please see attachment. (1A)

Cynthia Marble, 7 Mountain View Rd, thanked all the outgoing and incoming council members. And the Current ones and Mr. Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Over the last 2 years I've had the pleasure of serving our great citizens of Red Lodge. During this period , I've continued to learn about and participate in representative government. It has also been my privilege to serve along side Mayor Larson and his administration. In the last 2 years I have been equally privileged to serve with some hard working intelligent , selfless Council Members. Under the leadership of Glory Mahan and Dave Westwood in coordination with the Mayor and his staff, the City has been able to payoff 4 million in debt, we were able to renew the 3% resort tax and pass the additional 1% , this Council has made some strides in Budget transparency process and under the leadership of Jim Bushnell we have put in place mechanisms to repair our storm water infrastructure and many other accomplishments. PLEASE do not hear me taking any credit here, sadly Ive been a smaller part of these accomplishments than I should've been.

Going forward , I will encourage our elected officials to stay focused on legislation that promotes individual liberty, personal responsibility and freedom for all Red Lodge citizens. My hope is that City will be focused on doing good rather than feeling good. I hope we find it much more important to be WISE rather than woke. Good legislation will have ways to measure the good being done or NOT and allow for our representatives to make corrections. Over the past 2 years the Council and the Mayor have prioritized , debt reduction , public safety , infrastructure improvements, and supporting our downtown business. The continuation of these priorities is a blueprint for prosperity for all Red Lodge citizens.

In closing, please ponder these truisms.. " Government always governs best when it governs least" and " the larger the government the smaller the individual"

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

God bless the City of Red lodge,

Merry Christmas,

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