

May 14, 2024

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Westwood, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present: Mayor Westwood, Aldermen Conlee, Daniels, Keys, Miller, Ronning and Toupin.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: City Clerk – Loni Hanson and Public Works Director- Mike Maples.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion by Ronning, second by Conlee to approve the adoption of the agenda. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 23 and 30, 2024 Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning to approve the minutes of April 9, April 23 and April 30, 2024 as presented. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

WARRANTS PAYABLE Motion by Keys, second by Toupin to approve warrants against the City totaling \$580,998.13 to be paid and warrants drawn on their respective funds. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS- Mayor’s Reports – Mayor Westwood said there was an error in the newspaper regarding the addressing project. He said the cost for the re-addressing was misquoted at \$400,000 and the correct cost is \$40,000.

Mayor Westwood said on the June 4th primary ballot, there will be an initiative to form a study commission to reevaluate the City’s form of government. He said the City’s role is to provide information only and there will be information posted on the City’s website within the next day.

Mayor Westwood said there will be a draft FY 24-25 budget included in the next Council meetings packet and a schedule of when the department heads will be giving their presentations to the Council.

Other Mayor Comments- Mayor Westwood updated the Council on the airport agreement. He said him and Council president Ronning will be going through the City’s version and the County’s version and comparing the two.

Mayor Westwood updated the Council on the Bastian/Rocky Fork Inn property and the Eagles Nest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA- None.

ACTION ITEMS- Resolution No. 3650, Adopt PER for Wastewater System- Motion by Daniels, second by Conlee to approve Resolution No. 3650, a resolution of the City of Red Lodge to adopt a detailed preliminary engineering report prepared by Great West Engineering, Inc. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering, gave a brief update on Resolution No. 3650 and Resolution No. 3651.

RESOLUTION NO. 3650

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE TO ADOPT A DETAILED PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT PREPARED BY GREAT WEST ENGINEERING, INC.

WHEREAS Great West Engineering did submit a detailed Preliminary Engineering Report to the City describing the condition and performance of its existing wastewater system; developed, evaluated, and recommended preferred alternatives for improvements, and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge did meet with Great West Engineering to review and approve said Preliminary Engineering Report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge Council have conducted a public meeting and Great West Engineering has incorporated information from the meeting in the Preliminary Engineering Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Red Lodge Council have reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and submitted change requests necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the PER and hereby declares the document acceptable to the City of Red Lodge; and
2. That the Council hereby authorizes Dave Westwood, Mayor to execute and attest any documents required to adopt the PER and effectuate its submission to the appropriate governing agencies:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Red Lodge Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14th of May 2024.

APPROVED

Dave Westwood, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Loni Hanson
Clerk and Treasurer
City of Red Lodge

Resolution No. 3651, Authorize Submission of MCEP Application- Motion by Conlee, second by Daniels to approve Resolution No. 3651, a resolution of the City of Red Lodge to authorize submission of MCEP application. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3651

A Resolution of the City of Red Lodge to Authorize Submission of MCEP Application

WHEREAS the City of Red Lodge is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for financial assistance from the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) to complete improvements to the City's wastewater system;

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge has the legal authority to construct, finance, operate, and maintain a wastewater system;

That the City of Red Lodge agrees to comply with all State laws and regulations and the requirements described in the MCEP Application Guidelines and those that will be described in the MCEP Project Administration Manual; That the City of Red Lodge commits to provide the amount of matching funds as proposed in the MCEP application; and

That Dave Westwood, Mayor, is authorized to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce, on behalf of City of Red Lodge, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Red Lodge Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14th of May 2024.

APPROVED _____

Dave Westwood, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Loni Hanson
Clerk and Treasurer
City of Red Lodge

Resolution No. 3649, Resolution to Vacate a Portion of Daly Avenue Right of Way- Motion by Conlee, second by Daniels to approve Resolution No. 3649, a Resolution of the City Council of Red Lodge, Montana, to vacate the portion of Daly Avenue Right of Way that is located East of Lot 4 and Lot 5 of Block 45, Red Lodge Original Townsite, Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, P.M., Carbon County, Montana as amended. On roll call vote Aldermen Conlee, Daniels, Miller, Ronning and Toupin voted “Aye.” Alderman Keys voted “No.” Motion carried.

Motion by Daniels, second by Toupin to amend Resolution No. 3649, under “Therefore Be It Resolved, number 1,” remove “Lot 4” and remove “Lot 4” out of the resolution heading. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Dennison Butler, City Attorney, gave a presentation to the Council on how flood waters effect surrounding land and ownership.

There was discussion among Council members, the City Attorney and the City’s engineer regarding the city land adjacent to the applicant’s property.

Nick and Renee Campbell, Petition Applicants, gave a presentation on the purpose of their petition request.

Motion by Conlee, second by Toupin to extend the meeting past 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Westwood opened public comment on Resolution No. 3649.

Thomas Clark, Red Lodge, BRTA Board member, asked the Council to consider the possibility of a park at 9th Street and having a conjoined trail between there and Creekside Park. He also was unclear on why on the application it stated it did not have access to a waterway, when it does.

Brian Hanna, Luther, asked that the Council make sure to look at the whole picture and that there are two different parts, Lot 4 and Lot 5.

Chuck Wyman, Red Lodge, said the Campbells did put the land back after the flood.

Mayor Westwood closed public comments on Resolution No. 3649.

RESOLUTION No. 3649

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RED LODGE, MONTANA, TO VACATE THE PORTION OF DALY AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY THAT IS LOCATED EAST OF LOT 5 OF BLOCK 45, RED LODGE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, P.M.M., CARBON COUNTY, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, § 7-14-4114 et. seq. of the Montana Code Annotated authorizes the City of Red Lodge to discontinue the use of, and permanently vacate public rights of way₃ (ROW); and

WHEREAS, the affected ROW to be vacated does not contain through vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the proposed ROW vacation will not cause any detriment to the public interest; and
WHEREAS, all applicable processes as set forth in § 7-14-4114 and all applicable public notice requirements set forth in § 7-14-4114 and § 7-1-4127 of the Montana Code Annotated MCA have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council:

1. That the City Council of the City of Red Lodge hereby and forever permanently vacates a portion of Daly Avenue located East of Lot 5 of Block 45, Red Lodge Original Townsite, Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, P.M.M., Carbon County, Montana.
2. That pursuant to Montana law, the vacated ROW returns to the ownership of adjacent parcels along each respective side of the centerline of said vacated ROW.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council the 14th day of May, 2024.

FOR THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA:

By: _____
Dave Westwood, Mayor

Attest: _____
Loni Hanson, City Clerk

Motion to Proceed with the Re-addressing Project- Motion by Toupin, second by Conlee to table the motion to proceed with the Re-addressing Project. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Any correspondence was included in Council packets.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY- Alderman Conlee said the Committee had nothing to bring forward to Council currently.

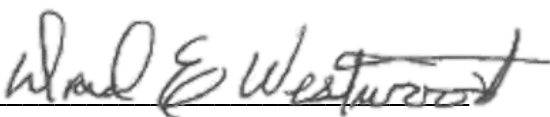
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- Alderman Ronning said the Committee had nothing to bring forward to Council currently.

LAND USE AND PLANNING- Alderman Conlee said the Committee had nothing to bring forward to Council currently.

PUBLIC WORKS- Alderman Keys said the Committee wanted to table the re-addressing project until they found out which entity is pushing for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY PUBLIC MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA- Jenn Capp, Red Lodge, commented on the re-addressing project. She said there are some serious concerns with current deliveries to businesses and this re-addressing project could really hinder some of the businesses that will be affected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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