

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting

Evangelical Church – Fellowship Hall

January 11, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the meeting and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Dan Thomasson, Justin Ferguson, Leonard Woehler, Ken Rockeman was absent.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

City Staff: Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director

City/County Staff: Sheriff Alan Ronneberg

Public: Barbara Selk, Linda Brunckhurst, Stacey Smith, Sequoia Smith, Monte Koch, Schar-A-Lee Smith, Chad Bauer, Robert Curry

Press: Griffin Hansen

Councilman Thomasson gave the Invocation.

Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the minutes for 12/7/2020, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that in 2000 we had a population of 3,601 and had 1797 calls for service and this year in 2020, with roughly the same population, we had almost 4000 calls for service. We are increasing about 100 calls per year. For the month of December, there were 256 complaints, 21 cases and 47 offenses with 17 of those offenses written to juveniles within the city. Last week the County Commissioners approved a full time Executive Assistant for the Sheriff.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny reported that they have been down one employee since mid-December and hope to have him back in Feb. They are still getting really good results from the segar system. House Bill #14 should have funding for some of our water projects. Mayor Karlin will go to Helena and testify in front of the committee on 1-22-21.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Green River Ordinance that was passed in May of 2020 was again discussed. The permit for the signage was issued by the highway department. Kris will order the signs and put them up as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Woehler, representing Councilman Rockeman who is absent, would like to see Republic Services provide weigh scale tickets along with the monthly bills. Chris Bauer from Republic agreed to provide those tickets until the scales can be installed at the transfer station. Construction of the new scales should begin the first week of February and be completed and fully functional by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

The Council decided that the Rules and Regulations Governing Utility Services need to be updated. Jim Lippert, Councilman Ferguson, Councilman Woehler, Kris Novotny and the Deputy Clerk will meet to discuss changes that need to be made. An update at the February 1, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting will be given.

Mayor Karlin would like to see an ice skating rink in Big Timber. Monte Koch, representing the Shepherders Square, reported that they have looked into several different possibilities for the square. It has been decided to go with a synthetic product instead of ice.

Stacey Smith would like to see the speed limit lowered on East 1st Avenue from Boulder Street to River Street. She contacted the State Highway Patrol and was told to go to the City Council first and ask them to request a speed study from the State. Councilman Woehler moved to send a request to the DOT for a speed study from the 191 N Y to the Yellowstone bridge with the suggested speed of 30 MPH, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried with Councilman Ferguson and Councilman Woehler voting for and Councilman Thomasson voting against.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the December claims, payroll and overtime, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Thomasson moved to adjourn the meeting @ 8:14PM, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

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Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer