

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting

Evangelical Church – Fellowship Hall

February 1, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the meeting at 7:00PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

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

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, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Charli Smith, Casey Smith, Sequoia Smith, Page Dringman.

Press: Griffin Hansen

Councilman Rockeman gave the Invocation.

Councilman Woehler moved to approve the minutes for 1/11/2021, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that in January, they were down a deputy but he will be back the 8th of February. Since November there have been four different instances of “Meth Cruises” here in Big Timber. (Out of County residents come into town, drop one stolen vehicle, jump into another car and take off again). Sheriff said that it seems to be a trend and would like to encourage the public to keep your doors and vehicles locked. He is also in the process of hiring an assistant. Calls for service in January were 269, cases were 15 and offenses were 31.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny reported that the door at the transfer site needs replaced – estimate is around \$5605 to replace that door. Jim would like at least one more quote and the council agrees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kris Novotny, Len Woehler, Justin Ferguson, Page Dringman, and Jim Lippert met 10 days ago and started discussion on the Rules and Regulations Regarding Utility Service. It was decided

that some homework needs to be done before the rules and regulations can be updated. Page is going to find numbers of sewer hook-ups. Page and Jim will find out if the City can take over the sewer lines on the west end hookup. The original agreement needs to be looked at to see if annexing that property is possible. Kris will look into water/sewer hookup and development fees. The committee hopes to meet again this week.

Mayor Karlin has emailed Zach Kirkemo, the District Traffic Engineer, requesting a speed study from the Highway 191 North Y to the Yellowstone Bridge with a suggested speed of 30 MPH the entire length. Councilman Thomasson would like the Council to take into consideration the rest of the County residents that don't want the speed to change. At the request of Casey Smith, the Mayor will inform Mr. Kirkemo of the construction of a school on the corner of Boulder and Highway 191.

NEW BUSINESS:

The agreement that was reached regarding the Ramsey pool in 1997 was discussed. The Mayor would like the Public Works Department to know that the money can be used for maintenance of the pool. The pool will open the last week of May.

Mayor Karlin discussed the streets. The 3rd Street project and hopefully the Bramble Street project will start this spring. The Mayor would like a report from the street committee (Councilmen Thomasson and Woehler) with information on an order of priority for street replacement.

The next Regular City Council Meeting will not be held on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 due to Presidents Day but will be rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021.

Councilman Rockeman moved to accept the Pledged Securities for the 4th quarter 2020, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Woehler moved to approve the January claims, payroll and overtime for the period of 1/21, seconded by Councilman Thomasson and Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting @ 7:51PM, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer