

21-22 Budget Work Meeting & Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

June 7, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the Budget Work Meeting at 6:00PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Justin Ferguson, Leonard Woehler, Ken Rockeman were present and Daniel Thomasson was absent.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

City Staff: Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, Norene Brown, Animal Control Officer, Jacque Scott, Public Library Director

City/County Staff: Sheriff Alan Ronneberg

Public: Barbara Selk, Linda Brunckhurst, Raymond Porter, Lee Andreas, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby

Councilman Rockeman gave the Invocation.

Budget Discussion – The library budget was discussed with Jacque Scott leading the discussion. The Animal Control budget was also discussed with Norene Brown leading that discussion. Our next budget meeting will be on June 21st @ 6:00pm at the Carnegie Public Library Meeting Room.

Mayor Karlin opened the Regular City Council Meeting @ 7:00pm.

Mayor Karlin presented Public Works Director, Kris Novotny with the 2020 Manager Achievement Award that was given out by Montana Rural Water Systems.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the 5/17/2021 Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmen Woehler and Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Sheriff Alan Ronneberg reported that there were 356 complaints, 27 cases and 41 offenses for the month of May. He has added a couple of deputies to the force as two are leaving. He is

back up to seven dispatchers after hiring two. He stated that call outs are up and they are seeing “a lot more new people, more often”.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, reported that the Public Works Department has been able to do a bunch of patching throughout town and they are back to working on 3rd Ave this week. He also reported that there are many contractors buying water from the City lately. He would like the Council to consider installing some sort of fill station so that hydrant meters will not have to be used.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Woehler moved to untable Resolution #1000, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO FINANCING OF CERTAIN PROPOSED WATER PROJECTS: ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH REIMBURSEMENT BOND REGULATIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, for further discussion, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Councilman Woehler moved to deny Resolution #1000, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Attorney Jim Lippert was asked at the last City Council Meeting to find out more about assessing a fee or a fine for any person pulled over within the city limits who refuses to blow into an intoxilyzer. Jim reported that he is still waiting for the number of offenses of this kind within the past year from the Sheriff’s office. The City of Red Lodge has adopted a similar ordinance. Jim will get a copy of that ordinance to share with the Council at the next Regular City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Rockeman moved to approve Resolution #1001, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BIG TIMBER NOTIFYING THE SWEET GRASS COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR OF ITS DESIRE TO CONDUCT THE 2021 CITY PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 13-19-202,MCA, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Crystal Bennett from Great West Engineering attended the meeting to explain the ARPA infrastructure funding and to recommend that the City’s ARPA Grant Money be used to fund the proposed projects of adding another freshwater storage tank and the Westend Expansion. She explained that the County will be allowed to use their grant money to help us with these projects after we receive a memorandum of understanding from them. Great West is also willing to help with the grant application.

Raymond Porter, the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce was approached by a member of the community that would like the City to have a logo. Raymond would like to partner with the City Council in this endeavor. It was decided that the Chamber of Commerce

would come up with some ideas on how to solicit community participation and report back to the Council at a later date.

Councilman Rockeman moved to approve the claims, payroll and overtime for the time period of May 2021, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer