

21-22 Budget Work Meeting & Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

June 21, 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, Daniel Thomasson.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

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

City/County Staff: Clifford Brophy, DES-911

Public: Linda Brunckhurst, Raymond Porter, Lee Andreas, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Chad Bauer, Robert Curry, Sheila O'Connell, Heather O'Connell

Press: Iain Woessner

Councilman Woehler gave the Invocation.

Budget Discussion – Kris Novotny went over the Public Works Budget. The possibility of some new equipment was discussed as well as several water projects.

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

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the 6/3/21 Budget Work Meeting and the 6/7/21 Budget Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting as corrected, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Clerk reported that after discussion with the County Commissioners and the City Council, it was decided that the County and the City would work together on two major water projects, a new water storage tank and the West End project. Both the City and the County will receive money from the Federal ARPA program that will be used and then, with the help of

Great West Engineering, we will apply for a State of Montana Competitive Grant for the rest of the money.

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 the fine within the City of Red Lodge is \$500. He spoke with Sheriff Ronneberg who estimated that this type of offense might happen ten times per year. It was decided that Jim would create an ordinance that addresses refusal to blow into an intoxilyzer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cliff Brophy was here to give an update on the Emergency Operations Plan. LEPC will meet, review the plan and adopt it. It will then need to go before the City Council and the County Commissioners for their approval. Once it is approved it will then go to the state for adoption. The plan will be available for review at City Hall.

Judge Jessie Connolly wanted to ask specifically for action on the interlocal agreement. She would like an amendment to the agreement that would allow her to have budget discussions annually. Councilman Woehler moved to amend the City/County Interlocal Agreement to include a clause that will allow an annual review which includes the judge in that agreement, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried with Councilmen Rockeman, Ferguson and Woehler voting aye and Councilman Thomasson voting nay.

Councilman Rockeman wanted to update the Council on the current wage matrix. He would like to add \$2500 to the budget to pay for a professional study to be done and a new matrix made.

Chad Bouer attended the meeting to update the Council on the progress of the scale at the transfer station. It should be set by the 3rd week of July. They would like to play around with it for a couple of weeks and then the Council will need to set some new rates. He suggested \$20 minimum charge for anything less than 1000 lbs., \$40 per ton for normal household garbage, \$60 per ton for construction and demolition and \$15 per bulky item such as couches and mattresses. We could possibly increase these costs over a 3 year period.

Mike Shirley is the Sweet Grass County Medical Marijuana provider. He reported that he has about 30 patients right now and is a licensed provider. As of January 2021, everyone is allowed to have 1oz of cannabis on their person, but he is not able to sell recreational marijuana until Jan of 2022 and not in Sweet Grass County because it was voted down last year.

There was no public comment.

Council Concerns: Councilman Woehler reiterated his concern with the lack of curbing near The Fort, on 5th Ave. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Councilman Rockeman would like

to see something done with the grass pile at the transfer sit. There seems to be lots of trees on the pile. It was suggested that a camera and a sign might be helpful.

Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the claims for the 2nd half of May 2021, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Rockeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer