

21-22 Budget Work Meeting & Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

July 6, 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

City/County Staff: Clifford Brophy, DES-911

Public: Linda Brunckhurst, Barbara Selk, Lee Andreas, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Ann Tyler, Negel O'Connor, Meggen Whalin, Kayane James, Bud Pile, Lucas Lee

Press: Iain Woessner

Councilman Thomasson gave the Invocation.

Budget Discussion – Ann Tyler and Negel O'Connor from the Library Board discussed the Library Budget. They are requesting wage increases for the library employees. Nadine Stosich discussed the Clerks Budget. It was decided that an additional Budget Work Meeting was needed. It was scheduled for 7/13/21 @ 6:00pm at the Carnegie Library Meeting Room.

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

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

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that in June they hit 400 calls for service. 27 cases were opened and there were 55 offenses, including 5 DIU's and 5 MIP's. The Sheriffs Department is almost at full staff now. Sweet Grass Fest and the 4th of July weekends were busy and the department is gearing up for "Boat-Float" weekend.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director reported that we should start seeing some progress on 3rd Avenue soon. There is a problem with the pump at the pump house so there are a few dry

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spots at the park. Two of his employees are restricted for medical reasons, so he is short staffed. The water usage is peaking at about 1 million gallons per day and is averaging between 8 to 9 hundred thousand per day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Shirley, the local Medical Marijuana Distributor is going to pursue a re-vote to allow recreational marijuana in Sweet Grass County. He would also like to see the Marijuana Ordinances updated. Starting in January of 2022, persons over the age of 21 will be able to legally purchase Recreational Marijuana in other Counties and bring it to Sweet Grass County. The Council will look at passing a Marijuana Ordinance at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kris Novotny explained to the Council that Amendment No. 4 To The Task Order No. 19 needs to be approved. It will allow Great West to proceed with the Bidding Phase and Construction Phase of the Phase one improvements in the PER. Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Amendment No. 4 To The Task Order No. 19, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Thomasson moved to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan based on the fact that the County has already done it, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution #1002 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING DISTRIBUTION OF BRIDGE AND ROAD SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM FUNDS, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Meggen Whalin, representing the Big Timber Junior High Volleyball Program, asked to use the Lions Club Park for a Volleyball Tournament Fund Raiser on Aug 7, from 7:00am to 4:00pm. They would like to paint lines with soccer paint that will mow off easily. Councilman Rockeman moved to allow the BTGS JH Volleyball program to use the park for their volleyball tournament, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public comment: Mayor Karlin read a letter from Kathy Jones explaining her frustration with the “firework bombardment” the previous evening. Bud Pile expressed his concern with the fireworks also. He felt a huge lack of consideration from neighbors. He left his home to try to get away from the loud noise. He also had to clean up the mess from his yard the following day. Bud would like to see the ordinance changed to just the 4th, not three days. He asked The Mayor to put the Fireworks Ordinance on the agenda of a future meeting. Kayane James is concerned about loved ones that may be dying and are forced to listen to the fireworks. Her car was burned as well as neighbor’s roofs.

Public Comment: Councilman Thomasson expressed concern with the proposed garbage rates from the last meeting. He feels that they are outrageous. He would like the council to approve rates that are more consistent with the cost incurred by the city to dispose of the garbage.

Councilman Woehler moved to approve claims, payroll and overtime for the month of June 2021, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Thomasson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer