

Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

July 19, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the Regular City Council Meeting @ 7:00PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

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

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

City Staff: Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer

Public: Linda Brunckhurst, Barbara Selk, Raymond Porter, Ken Nelson, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Dick Christ

Press: Iain Woessner

Councilman Ferguson gave the Invocation.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the 7/6/21 Budget Work Meeting and the Regular City Council Meeting and the 7/13/21 Budget Work Meeting, seconded by Councilmen Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Raymond Porter, representing the Sweet Grass Co. Chamber Of Commerce, asked the Council for permission to use the Lion's Club Park for a Brew Fest on Friday Aug. 20th from 4:30pm to 9:00pm. The music will start at 5:30 and then the breweries will stop selling beer at 8:00. The music will stop at 8:30 and everyone will be asked to leave at 9:00. Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce having the Brew Fest on Friday, August 20th, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution #1003, A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CANCEL THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Draft ORDINANCE #487 – AN ADDITION TO CITY CODE REGARDING REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO BREATH TEST was discussed. Jim Lippert reported that this ordinance is reflective of the City of

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Red Lodge Ordinance. The 5-7-3 Penalties were changed from a \$500 penalty to not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. This penalty has been tested in the Montana Supreme Court and it stood. This breath test is for alcohol only, not marijuana. Councilman Rockeman moved to approve Ordinance #487 as drafted, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Public Comment:

Mike Shirley asked about a new Marijuana Ordinance and when the Council will start working on it. Jim Lippert suggested working with the City/County Planning Board to come up with a Draft Ordinance. Jim will also email the existing Marijuana Ordinance to the Council members for review.

Dick Christ asked why the pool is not open on Sundays and suggested that it be closed on Mondays instead. Mayor Karlin explained that we have 9 lifeguards that work a full schedule as it is. Research was done four years ago and it was discovered that the pool was not used as much on Sunday as on other days. It would not be feasible to close the pool on Monday because lessons are taught Monday through Friday.

Mike Shirley is concerned about the parking at the Tangent Coffee Shop. Cars tend to be sticking out in the road frequently.

Raymond Porter from the Sweet Grass Chamber of Commerce reported several events that will be happening in our community. 1. On Nov. 18th, the Chamber of Commerce will be welcoming the Beartooth Regional Economic Development Committee based out of Joliet for their board meeting. He will be organizing a tour of some Big Timber Businesses and everyone is welcome to join. 2. The Small Business Development Center out of Billings paid for a documentary titled "Edge of the Plains". They are doing a red carpet premier in Big Timber on Sept. 16th that features Tumble Wood Teas and Tuscano Machine.

3. Raymond wanted the Council to know that Troy Dumont with Twin Tree Services offered to donate their time and resources to some sort of project to better the community.

The City Clerk reminded the Council that the Library Interlocal Agreement needs to be addressed. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Rockeman moved to adopt RESOLUTION #1004, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Council Concerns:

Councilman Ferguson wanted to add to the comments regarding the swimming pool. Opening the pool on Sunday is a budgetary concern. He is also old fashioned and feels that Sunday needs to be a day of rest.

Mayor Karlin expressed concern about the compost pile at the Transfer Site. He feels that it is being abused by those dumping items other than grass and leaves.

Councilman Thomasson offered kudos to the town. He thought the 4th of July went off very well. The fireworks were shut down on time and things were excellent.

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

Councilman Thomasson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer