

21-22 Budget Public Hearing & Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

Aug 16, 2021

Mayor Karlin opened the Budget Public Hearing 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

Public - Public Hearing: Linda Brunckhurst, Barbara Selk, Ian Woessner

Public – Regular Meeting: Linda Brunckhurst, Barbara Selk, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Ken Nelson, Raymond Porter

Press: Iain Woessner

Councilman Thomasson gave the Invocation.

Budget Public Hearing – Opened at 6:00pm. The City Clerk gave examples of how the mills would affect property taxes and how those mills would also affect the general budget. After much discussion, it was decided that the mill levy would be set at 138 mills. The public hearing was closed at 7:08pm.

Mayor Karlin continued with the Regular City Council Meeting agenda at 7:08pm.

Councilman Thomasson moved to approve the minutes of the 8/2/21 Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, reported that he sent out four bid packets for the W 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Sewer Extension to local contractors and only one was returned. He asked the Council to accept the quote of \$29,900 from Stenberg Construction, as it is actually under what he was planning. Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Stenberg Construction's quote on the W 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Sewer Extension, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Kris introduced quotes for a bulk water fill station and explained the need for such a station. In the past month, there have been five companies buying bulk water and even more people

stealing the water due to faulty meters and dishonesty. A fill station would solve those problems. Credit cards or passcodes would be used. Currently our bulk water rates are \$14 per 1000 gallons. Those rates need to be reassessed soon. This subject will be discussed again at our second meeting in September.

Mayor Karlin read Ordinance #474 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PUBLIC USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA and would like to discuss the possibility of updating this ordinance. Mike Shirley, Big Timber's local medical marijuana distributor thinks that it won't be very long before recreational marijuana will be legalized in Sweet Grass County and feels that changes to the Ordinance need to be done now. Councilman Thomasson would like to omit the word "medical" or add the word "recreational". Councilman Woehler would like to add "no store fronts".

Mayor Karlin wanted to discuss the "garbage situation" within the City of Big Timber and at the Transfer Site. He pointed out the picture of damage to the building that was included in the Council packets. He also expressed concern over people not being charged the correct amount for dumping garbage at the Transfer Site. Councilman Thomasson suggested having a sign made that showed the pricing and then bill Republic Services for the cost of the sign. Councilman Ferguson would like to consider turning the whole garbage set up over to Republic Services and then leasing the transfer site to them.

City Attorney, Jim Lippert informed the Council that Ordinance #487- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG TIMBER, MONTANA CREATING 5-7-1 TO 3, AN ADDITION TO THE BIG TIMBER, MONTANA CITY CODE needed to be approved by the Council before the second reading could take place. Councilman Thomasson moved to approve Ordinance #487, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: Mayor Karlin expressed his love for the farmers market but is upset with the placement of their shed. He feels that it should be moved so that it doesn't block the handicap parking.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution #1005 - A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 and set the mills at 138, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Council Concerns: Councilman Thomasson would like for he and Councilman Woehler to meet with Republic Services to see if they can encourage them to do a better job.

Councilman Woehler moved to approve the claims for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of July 2021, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Thomasson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Rolland Karlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer