

Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

April 4, 2022

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Justin Ferguson, Ken Rockeman, Linda Brunckhorst, Leonard Woehler.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

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

City/County Staff: Sheriff Alan Ronneberg

Public: Barbara Selk, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Raymond Porter, Chad Bauer, Amanda Dunwald, Ryan Coffman, Connie Weston, Sally Owen-Still, Justin Arlian, Mark Staples, Ray Stenberg

Councilman Woehler gave the Invocation.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the 3/21/22 Regular City Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that for the month of March, there were 267 complaints filed, 13 cases opened, and 41 citations written. The homicide trial is over. It was a three-day trial that started with 106 Jurors. They were all checked in within half an hour and everything went smoothly. The jury deliberated for 59 minutes and then came back with a guilty verdict of deliberate homicide. Sheriff Ronneberg will be gone for the next week teaching coroner basic in Helena. There were 3 felony DUI's this past weekend, two were drug related and one for alcohol. The Sheriff's office is in the training phase of an archive system that will archive social media pages. It can include the County and the City's pages as well.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, reported that the water project has been keeping them busy. He has adjusted schedules to keep up with the hauling for the contractors. One employee is working four ten-hour shifts and one is coming in later so that he can leave later. Kris is trying to keep overtime down to a minimum. For the water project, the mainline is installed on Railroad Street and they are in the process of switching the services over from the old mainline to the new one. This should be completed by the end of the week. There has been one fatality so far on the job, the mac dump truck died. They will borrow equipment from the County for now, but Kris is looking to replace it if he finds something that will work.

Councilman Ferguson asked if the temporary water lines are flushed before they are hooked to houses. Kris assured him that they are just like a main water line, they will pressure test, chlorinate then flush the lines. After that, several water samples will be sent to the lab to be tested and once those come back clean, the lines will be hooked up.

Kris Novotny also asked the Council for permission to sell the Ford 2000 Tractor. Councilwoman Brunckhorst moved to give Kris permission to sell the 2000 Ford Tractor, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Woehler moved to accept the Supplemental Bond Resolution #1009 (RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$760,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS ((DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM)), CONSISTING OF \$380,000 SUBORDINATE LIEN TAXABLE SERIES 2022A BOND AND \$380,000 SERIES 2022B BOND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF), seconded by Councilwoman Brunckhorst. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Chad Bauer from Republic Services was here to discuss and recommend new rates for the transfer site. His recommendation was to keep the \$.10 per pound with a minimum charge of \$10. He would also recommend that a fee be placed on the items coming into the metal pile. \$5 or \$10 for the bigger items and then a pricing structure for the smaller metal items. Appliances that come in need to be certified (sticker or receipt) that the freon has been removed. Councilman Woehler moved to set a minimum rate of \$10 for trash and then \$10 for all appliances including certified freon removed appliances and keep the \$.10 per pound for garbage, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Connie Weston, wanted to renew the noxious weed agreement with the city. It states that the County will spray the streets and allies. It was decided that Connie will send out the letters of non-compliance and then send copies to the city. She will also update the noxious weed agreement and then bring it back to be approved by the Council.

Connie Weston also wanted to talk about and renew our four-year weed management plan. Kris said that the ten acres at the treatment plant and the access road needs to be added to the plan. It was decided that the city would advertise for someone to spray the city properties. Connie suggested that the weed management plan be written by the company that wins the contract to spray the city properties. When the city has completed the four-year plan, we will make sure that it is turned in to Connie.

Sally Owen-Still, Vice President for the Friends of Dornix Park, requested permission to remove or trim 20 old cottonwood trees throughout the park. Councilman Rockeman moved to grant permission to the Friends of Dornix Park for the tree trimming and removal that was brought before the Council, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sally Owen-Still informed the Council that there is in fact a current licensing agreement and she will provide a copy of that to the city. She will also be at the next meeting to discuss the Crazy Mt. Dog Park.

The old landfill lease agreement came before the Council again. After much discussion here and at previous meetings the Council decided to renew the agreement with Ray Stenberg. Councilwoman Brunckhorst moved to extend Ray Stenberg's lease on the old landfill building with the new rent beginning 5/1/2022 of \$850 per month extending through 9/30/2023, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Jim Lippert, City Attorney presented the Council with new agreements for the Dugout and the two pasture leases. The new pasture leases are for \$36.50 per animal unit per month. The leases are for a three-year term and the lessee will be responsible for weed control. Mayor DeBoer asked for a motion to extend the rental agreement to Mark Staples and Councilman Ferguson "so moved". The motion was seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Rockeman moved to change the wording on the rental agreements from "per horse" to "animal unit", seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson moved to offer this rental agreement to Jim Felton with the change from horse to animal unit, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the council present.

Councilman Woehler moved to table the lease agreement for the Dugout with Stacy Smith until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the council. He also asked that the new agreement reflect the length of term and the new pricing of \$50 per day for non-profit usage and \$100 per day for profit usage or \$25 per ½ day for non-profit and \$50 per ½ day for profit usage.

Public Comment: Chad Bauer announced that today was Amanda Dunwald's last day at the transfer station and thanked her for a job well done. Councilman Ferguson was pleased with the meeting that took place today with Republic Services. He said that the billing issues are almost resolved and then he thanked Chad Bauer for his efforts.

Raymond Porter from the Sweet Grass Chamber of Commerce announced that on April 19<sup>th</sup> the Sweet Grass Farm Bureau is bringing Gabe Brown (a rancher from North Dakota) to speak at the Montana Sustainable Ag Workshop at the fairgrounds. Pioneer Meats is also bringing the Meat Processors Association Convention to town on April 20<sup>th</sup> thru the weekend. He suggested that the Mayor declare that week, "Local Food Week" or "Meats is Cool Week" or something like that, in an official Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor DeBoer announced that both Nadine and Marilyn will be leaving and gave their official notice today.

Councilman Rockeman moved to approve the claims, payroll and overtime for the period of March 2022, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm, seconded by Councilwoman Brunckhorst. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

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Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer