Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

November 3, 2025

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

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, Justin Ferguson and Leonard Woehler.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Jim Lippert, City Attorney, Sheriff Alan Ronneberg, and Lana King, City/County Planning Board

Public: Anita Dore, AJ Lorenzen, Dick Christ, and Colter Todd

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on October 20, 2025, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg stated that there were 268 complaints, 15 cases, and 31 citations for the month of October. There is a new School Resources Officer and he is visiting all the schools. The department is getting trained on new tasers that are much more accurate. Craig Snodgrass retired from official duties as the District Court bailiff. His son, Jim Snodgrass, has taken over the position. State of Mind will be here on November 4th and 5th.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, was absent. Mayor DeBoer stated that the department is busy prepping streets and will continue to do so as long as the weather cooperates.

Councilman Woehler spoke with Greg Bunton who did the overlay on the city hall plans requested from Sam Hensler, the engineer. The state inspector stated that we are at a level 3 and it would be expensive to bring the building up to code. Sam's opinion was that we could try to get it to a level 2, but it's ultimately up to the state inspector to decide what level the building is. Mayor DeBoer would like to set a date for a public hearing at the next meeting on November 17, 2025, at 6pm. The council agreed. Colter Todd asked if we are going to go ahead with the demolition. He is concerned about the safety of the building. Jim Lippert stated that because the engineer didn't deem it as a hazard to the public, the city needs to legally put the demolition out for bid. Public Comment: AJ Lorenzen would like to see the city do a public survey to get more input about the new city hall building from the residents of Big Timber who are not able to come to a meeting.

Mayor DeBoer presented a recommendation of award for Engineering West to survey the property for the second water tank. The city received three bids and Engineering West had the lowest bid at \$8,114. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the low bid of Engineering West for the second water tank survey, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried with Councilmembers Baird, Ferguson, and Woehler voting aye and Councilman Davis voting nay.

Jim Lippert presented an encroachment agreement for Sabrina Steer at 615 East 4th Avenue. Councilman Ferguson, made a motion to approve the encroachment agreement with Sabrina Steer, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer presented an agreement between the Sweet Grass Recycle Fund and the City of Big Timber. This agreement is for Sweet Grass Recycle Fund to pay for the cost of the e-waste recycling program. Jim Lippert suggested changing the word "company" in paragraph 5 to "grantee". Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Sweet Grass Recycle Fund agreement as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime for October, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: Richard Christ asked what the weed management claim was for and what the annual community connection fee is for. AJ Lorenzen asked for a follow up on if Republic Services is willing to cover our losses for the county trash.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer