

Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

January 6, 2025

Mayor DeBoer opened the Regular City Council 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

Public: Christine Bakke, Brian Mosness, Lee Andreas, Anita Dore, Barb Selk, Linda Brunckhorst, Page Dringman, Melanie Roe, Carmen Hodges, and Justin Arlian

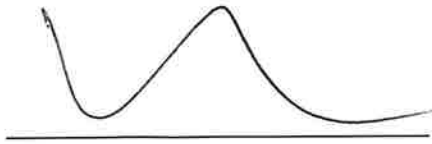
Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, from the Regular City Council Meeting of December 15, 2024, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Morgan Scarr from Amatics CPA Group ^{via telephone} gave the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg was not present at the meeting. Mayor DeBoer reported that there were 135 complaints, 4 cases, and 12 citations for the month of December. The annual report was 1376 complaints, 78 cases, and 161 citations for 2024.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, was not present at the meeting.

Councilwoman Baird led a discussion on current trash rates and proposed increases in trash rates for the city residents. Councilwoman Baird proposed a 24% increase on residential totes and 12% on dumpsters stating that the businesses would face much larger increases than the residents and the increased costs from Republic should not have to fall mostly on the business owners. She also stated that tote rates have not increased in a while. Mayor DeBoer stated that we are losing money each month with Republic Services, and we haven't raised rates in a while, and we need to figure out what direction we want to take. Councilmen Ferguson, Davis, and Woehler were in favor of a 15% increase across the board and felt that would be fair for everyone. Discussion took place on different options including raising rates at the transfer site. The consensus was to move forward with a 15% increase across the board, raise the rates at the transfer site and then review the numbers next year. Public Comment: Linda Brunckhorst stated that she appreciates the 15% increase as opposed to the 24% increase. Justin Arlian stated that the City of Big Timber should not be covering the costs of the county trash whatsoever. He thinks whatever the increase is for the city to become net positive, that is what we need to do. He also thinks the City is on the right track in trying to fix the problem and appreciates it. Anita Dore asked if we receive any revenue for recyclables. Mayor DeBoer explained that we only receive revenue for the steel. We don't receive any revenue, but we also don't pay anything for the recycling. Melanie Roe stated that she doesn't think any one group of taxpayers should be subsidizing

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer