

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

February 18, 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, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Brian Mosness, Susan St Germain, Anita Dore, Page Dringman, Lauren Dillon, Lee Andreas, and Brian Engle

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes for February 3, 2025, as amended, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to untable the Dugout Rental Agreement for Summer STEM Camp, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council. Mayor DeBoer presented the Dugout Rental Agreement for the Summer STEM Camp Program. Councilwoman Baird suggested raising the rent to \$700 per month. Public Comment: Brian Engle stated that it was only \$3 a day extra for Councilwoman Baird's suggestion. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the Dugout Rental Agreement for the Summer Stem Camp with the amendment for \$700/per month, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer stated that there was a meeting held with the representative from the Montana Department of Commerce to learn about the Montana Main Street Program. Councilman Davis stated that he attended the meeting and the only thing the city must do is to take in the grant money and then pass it on to whoever applied for the grant. There is no extra work for the city. Public Comment: Lauren Dillon shared information she received from the Town of Baker who is a member of the Montana Main Street Program including grants Baker had received from this program. She also stated that the program would love to receive letters of support from the city council when applying for a grant. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the Montana Main Street Program, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Jim Lippert presented the land exchange agreement with Mimi Cremer for the second water storage tank. He explained that a survey will need to be done on the city land once spring comes. He also noted in the agreement that the city would agree to pay title insurance for both parties (which he estimated at about \$3000) as well as closing costs that he estimated to be \$500. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the land exchange agreement for the water storage tank, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried with Councilmembers Ferguson, Baird, and Woehler voting aye. Councilman Davis voted nay.

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Councilwoman Baird presented the proposed rate increases at the transfer site. Public Comment: Brian Engle asked if the transfer site is losing money and if this increase will cover the costs of running the transfer site. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the transfer site rate increase, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer read Resolution #1034: A Resolution of Intention of the City of Big Timber to Increase Rates for Garbage Collection Services. Public Comment: Lauren Dillon asked if this was a proposed rate from the Council due to losing money. Brian Engle understands that costs are increasing, and he supports the increase. Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution #1034 as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer asked the council to adjust the lifeguards wage scale to be competitive with other places that hire teenagers for the summer. Councilman Davis made a motion to increase the lifeguard wages, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the claims for the second half of January 2025, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: Brian Engle thanked the council for supporting the Montana Main Street Program.


Council Concerns: Councilman Ferguson stated that he would like to see us do a one-year contract with Republic Services with ^{an option for} a one-year renewal. He thinks that would give us a year to evaluate their service. He said his trash was not picked up today. He would like the public to notify and register complaints. He was shocked at what the county residents received for credit when their trash is not picked up. Councilman Woehler asked if any other companies had followed up with doing the trash service in Big Timber. Mayor DeBoer stated that because we are in contract negotiations with Republic Services, we cannot follow up with other companies. Councilman Woehler would like to see a performance clause put in the contract if we need to do a five-year contract. Councilman Davis doesn't want to be strong armed by Republic Services and although it would be a lot of work, he would like us to push back on them and possibly save money by doing the trash collection ourselves. Councilwoman Baird would like to see a better fence put around the transfer site to keep the trash from blowing out.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.



Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer

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