

Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

February 3, 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, and Justin Ferguson. Leonard Woehler was absent.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Monica DeCock, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Austin Thompson, Assistant Public Works Director, Lana King, City/County Planning Department, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Brian Mosness, Joan Hansen, Justin Arlian, Lee Andreas, and Scott Camp

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 20, 2025, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that there were 290 complaints, 4 cases, and 11 citations for the month of January. He stated the department had a good year last year and everything is just moving along.

Assistant Public Works Director, Austin Thompson, reported that the water system is doing fine. They had a plug in the wastewater line at the lagoon entrance that they had to call in a company to jet vac the line. They have been working on plowing and hauling off snow piles. Employees recently removed graffiti from the playground equipment at the Lions Club Park.

Councilwoman Baird led a discussion on trash rates. A 45% increase in rates across the board was presented to hopefully cover the rate increase from Republic Services. Councilwoman Baird proposed raising the rates at the transfer site with different rates for city residents and county residents. Public Comment: Lee Andreas stated that he has taken a dump trailer twice to the transfer site and they have refused to dump it because it fills their bins too fast. Justin stated that it would be cheaper for businesses to have totes than to have dumpsters with the new proposed rates. He thinks we need to look at the numbers again. Councilmen Ferguson and Davis would like to raise rates the same across the board, but Councilwoman Baird still thinks the totes should be raised higher than the dumpsters. The Council decided to move forward with a 45% increase across the board. A resolution of intention and an increase in transfer site rates will be voted on at the next meeting. Councilman Ferguson would like to see the city ^{only} contract with Republic Services for two years.

Stacey Smith asked the Council to rent the dugout for the Summer STEM Camp program for the summer of 2025. Jim Lippert suggested that the Council table this agenda item so the council can discuss the rental amount and put a contract together. Councilman Ferguson made a motion to table the rental of the dugout for the Summer STEM Camp program, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Lana King, from the City/County Planning Department, presented the final plat application for the Montana Armory Subdivision. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the final plat application for the Montana Armory Subdivision, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Joan Hansen from the Tree Board asked the council for approval to apply for the Tree Planting Grant in the amount of \$350. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve applying for the Tree Planting Grant through the DNRC, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Austin Thompson presented a claim for overpayment from the Sweet Grass County Ambulance Station on their water and sewer bills. He explained that they had been charged by hundreds of gallons rather than tens of gallons since 2017. The amount owed back to them is \$11,936.07. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the refund of \$11,936.07 to the Sweet Grass Ambulance Station, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Austin Thompson presented an amendment to Task Order No. 26 – Street Improvements from Great West Engineering. This amendment would add one block of paving on E 3rd Ave between McLeod St and Anderson St and Hart St between 7th and 8th Ave. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the amendment to Task Order No. 26, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve Randy Rembold for the Airport Board appointment, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.


Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Benjamin Polite to serve on the City/County Planning Board, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the quarterly financial reports, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime, for January 2025, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

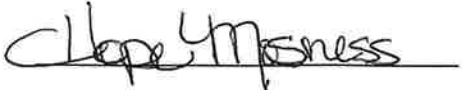
Public Comment: None

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hope Mosness", written over a horizontal line.

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer