

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

April 21, 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, Justin Ferguson, Jeff Davis and Leonard Woehler

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Lee Andreas, Joy Larsen, Mark Curry, Joan Hansen, Anita Dore, and Jacque Scott

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer did the first reading of Ordinance 496: An Amendment to City Ward Boundaries.

Joy asked the council's approval to use goats for weed control at Dornix Park. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the goats for weed control at Dornix Park, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer presented a new lease agreement for Jim Felton to rent the pasture. Terms and payment will remain the same. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the pasture lease agreement with Jim Felton, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Joan Hansen from the Big Timber Tree Board asked the council's permission to apply for a Community Impact Grant from the Sweet Grass Community Foundation. She stated the money would be used to plant trees at Big Timber Grade School. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve for the Tree Board to apply for the Sweet Grass Community Foundation grant, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Davis presented information on applying for an InterCap Loan through the Montana Department of Revenue to purchase equipment and supplies for the City of Big Timber to do their own trash services. He recommended that the city apply for \$1.5 million. Councilman Ferguson made a motion to apply for the InterCap Loan for trash services for \$1.5 million for a 10-year term without a prepayment penalty, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer asked the Council if they thought they should increase the monthly pay for the Mayor and Councilmembers to attract more people to run for those positions in this year's election. He presented a chart showing 12 cities in Montana with similar populations. Councilman Ferguson stated that he doesn't agree raising the pay due to property tax increases, trash service increases, and city services. He does it to serve his community and doesn't feel it should be a paid position. Public Comment: Jacque Scott said she agrees that the job should be done as a public service but worries that

we are falling behind and not keeping up with other communities so we should consider raising the pay. She feels we should look into it. Councilman Baird made a motion to table the increase for Mayor and Councilmembers pay for now, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor DeBoer would like the Council to transfer funds from the 5420 Solid Waste Replacement and Depreciation Fund to the 5410 Solid Waste Fund. Hope explained that the 5420 Fund has not been used since 2007. This would allow all of the Solid Waste Funds to be in one account. Councilman Woehler made a motion to transfer the funds from 5420 Solid Waste Replacement and Depreciation Fund to 5410 Solid Waste Fund, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Hope Mosness presented the FY25 3rd Quarter Budget Report. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the 3rd quarter FY2025 Budget Report, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

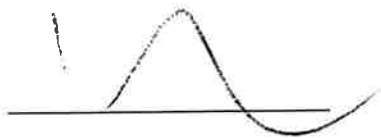
Hope Mosness presented the Pledged Securities Report for the 1st quarter of 2025. Councilman Baird made a motion to approve the Pledged Securities Report, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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

Public Comment: Jacque Scott told the Council how much she appreciates how hard the Council is working on everything but especially all the hard work with the garbage service issues and that they are trying to come up with a plan.

Council Concerns: Councilwoman Baird stated that the Women's Club is looking at doing some maintenance and repairs at the playground at Lions Club Park. They will be putting in wood chips around the playground and repairing the slides. She stated that the guy who looked at the playground suggested that the gravel under the older metal slides needs to be removed and to fill in the trench under the merry-go-round.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Hope Mosness', written in a cursive style.

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer