

## Regular City Council Meeting

### Carnegie Library

April 7, 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 Leonard Woehler. Justin Ferguson was absent.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, Jim Lippert, City Attorney, and Lana King City/County Planning Board

Public: Anita Dore, Christine Bakke, Angela Selby, Mike Shirley, Justin Arlian, Mark Curry and Colter Todd

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 17, 2025, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that there were 245 complaints, 14 cases, and 18 citations for the month of March. Sheriff Ronneberg went down to Billings for the Angel Initiative kickoff. The next week was the kickoff of the 988 suicide prevention number. This will allow people who call in to be connected with therapists. The Department of Criminal Investigations has been working in Big Timber. They had one investigation that ended up with five arrests and a search warrant that ended up with one arrest. Last Thursday, they had an officer involved shooting. The suspect was James Brighton. He ended up in Big Timber and two Montana Highway Patrol officers were looking for him. There was a shootout on the end of West Second Avenue and the suspect was fatally shot. There was a stolen vehicle on Sunday morning as well. Deputies chased the suspect down. He eventually crashed and officers took him to Livingston Healthcare.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, reported that Whistle Creek Ranch is building on top of a water mainline. But they will pay to move the line. There was a cracked flange at the Water Treatment Plant they had to repair. They will be doing membrane cleanings this week. There was a sewer backup on Yellowstone Ave which had to be taken care of. They will start patching potholes and are getting Hooper Street ready to be paved. Dry Creek Concrete will be finishing the job on Anderson Street between the American Legion and City Club. The burn pile was started last week at the transfer site and the grass pile is being moved further east away from the burn pile. If the employees have time, they have been helping with demolition at City Hall.

Christine Bakke from the Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce asked permission from the council to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Anderson Street to Hooper Street. The community trash cleanup day will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Montana Main Street program application has been submitted. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the street closure as stated, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Lana King from the City/County Planning Department presented a Conditional Use Permit from Coulter Todd for 202 E 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to be used as a single dwelling. Councilman Woehler would like to add the condition that there is proper fire separation between the ground floor business and the upper floor dwelling. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for 202 East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, as amended, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor DeBoer read Resolution #1038: A Resolution to Amend Section 11.02 of the City Code. Jim Lippert stated that this was previously approved by the City Council in 2002, it was just never codified into our ordinances. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve Resolution #1038 to amend Section 11.02 of the city code, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Hope Mosness, stated that we have about \$160,000 left in ARPA funds that were not used for the Water Phase 2 project. If we do not use them, they will have to be sent back. The only other project that qualifies to use these funds for is the Sewer Main Replacement Project that took place last August. Councilman Woehler made a motion to reallocate the leftover ARPA funds to the Sewer Main Project, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Hope Mosness present Disposition of Records Form RM88 #14. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the Disposition of Records Form RM88 #14, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

City Attorney Jim Lippert, shared the proposed changes to the Republic Services contract that he made after meeting with Mayor DeBoer and Hope Mosness. The Council discussed these changes as well as others. Jim Lippert will make those changes in the contract and after Council approval, the contract will be sent back to Republic Services.

Councilman Davis presented a list of estimated costs for the city to do their own trash service. He also presented two ideas for financing through grants and/or loans in addition to the money the city has in their Solid Waste fund. A discussion was held, but no decision was made. Public Comment: Justin Arlian stated that the city could use a sub-contractor to do the county trash pickup, bring it to the transfer site, and then the city would haul it to the landfill.

Councilwoman Woehler made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime, for the accounting period of 3-2025, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

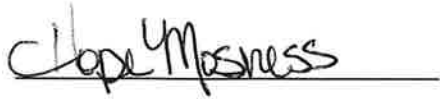
Public Comment: None

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hope Mosness', written over a horizontal line.

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer