

## Regular City Council Meeting

### Carnegie Library

May 5, 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: Monica DeCock, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Austin Thompson, Assistant Public Works Director, Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Lee Andreas, Anita Dore, Mark Curry, Ken Rockeman, Rikke Earle, Ryan Coffman, Republic Services.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 21, 2025, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg was not present at the meeting.

Public Works Assistant Director, Austin Thompson, reported that public works has been working on the City Hall Project and over on Hooper Street at the same time. Austin stated sewer and water treatment are doing what they are supposed to, they did the clean in place to clean the filter membranes last month, so they are ready for high water. Public Works will start getting the potholes as time and weather allow. Public Works also has the swimming pool to get ready to open. Austin explained that Jeremy Roberts is putting valley gutter in at the old bowling alley to match up with The Legion, Public Works cut it for Jeremy who is doing the rest of the work. Councilman Davis asked what the status is on City Hall. Austin stated there is another meeting tomorrow morning with the structural engineer. Austin addressed Councilman Ferguson's concerns if the hours for public works on City Hall Project are being tracked explaining it is tracked through the time sheets. Councilman Ferguson requested status of Hooper Street, Austin stated that they are continuing work on valley gutter, but weather has delayed the work with a couple of days' worth of work left.

City Attorney, Jim Lippert, stated that they had a meeting with Ryan Coffman of Republic Services to go over the contract. He explained the changes made to the contract and stated that the only thing he didn't incorporate was the credit for missed garbage pickups, consensus was that instead of a flat fifty dollars the city would receive what the city bills out. Ryan requested to reference the credit table in the body of the contract. Ryan requested that there be notice within 30 days for any damage at the transfer site and to inform Republic the scheduled time for repairs. Jim stated it was agreed that if the city was to go to self-hauling of trash that there would be no penalties with 90 day written notice. Ryan informed the council that Republic will pay a lease of twelve hundred dollars a month and at this point Republic still accepts all responsibility for the scale repairs and calibration. Credit calculations for missed service credits discussed and will be as prepared by Monica. Ryan assured that credits for county tonnage would adjust the same as the Consumer Price Index. Ryan will also add the rate table for hauling tires, not included at this time. Public comment: Mark Curry asked where the tires that are taken to the transfer

site go and are they being sold. Mark also asked if the city has ever discussed discontinuing the use of single use bags in Big Timber and if the city has partnered with any other cities about the Republic contract.

Austin Thompson presented Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 24 for the water tank project for some additional engineering including some geotechnical site studies and grant administration for the new water tank. Due to pricing changes, they are looking at the cost benefit of prestressed concrete instead of welded steel tank. Council discussed the amendment and some concerns regarding total cost of the project, funds being used, understanding fluid flows and the cost of grant administration. Public Comment: Mark Curry asked what's underneath the roads, that's the issue. He also asked if the city is allowed to take water from the Yellowstone in the event of a fire and if it is set in stone that it is always filtered water to fight a fire. Austin stated that is how it is everywhere, it wouldn't make sense to have two sets of pipe in the ground to take unfiltered water to your fire hydrants. Also, during water construction projects fire hydrants can be hooked into to set up temporary water. Mayor DeBoer stated that he will talk to Great West and Kris, look at the contract with Great West and get a breakdown on the amendment costs as well as the total cost. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to table Amendment No. 2 Task Order No. 24 Water Tank Project, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion to table carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

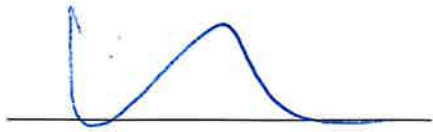
Austin Thompson also presented Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 20 for the Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report. Austin explained this project is a hundred percent grant funded. This is to do a wastewater PER that the city has to have for the City of Big Timber to be eligible for grants for wastewater infrastructure. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 20 Wastewater PER, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Davis stated that as part of the application for the Intercap Loan the city needs 10% or \$150,000 in reserve funds. He asked the Council to use cash that the City already has in its solid waste fund for the reserve funds. Councilman Woehler asked for clarification that this is just to have the funds in reserve not that the city has to spend \$150,000. Jeff confirmed that is correct. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the Intercap Loan reserve funds of \$150,000, motion seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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

Public Comment: Ken Rockman, he has been looking at the city streets and they have really gotten extremely deteriorated. It makes a lot of sense to do a better job patching and suggested using tac oil when putting asphalt and doing some blade patching. Ken said that they need to do some blade patching, he feels we are going to have gravel streets in a few years. He said that they need to chip seal when they do the blade patching. He suggested the possibility of getting Jay Federer to come for some instruction and teach them how to lay patches. Councilman Woehler stated he thinks it is a very good suggestion and should be put on the next agenda to have a discussion about it.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.



Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Monica DeCock, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer