

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

September 15, 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, and Leonard Woehler. Jeff Davis was absent.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Jim Lippert, City Attorney, Norene Brown, Animal Control Officer

Public: Kirk J Stephens, Mark Curry, Rich Christ, Lee Andreas, Linda Brunckhorst, Jane Hallquist, Negel O'Connor, and Crystal Eldridge from Great West Engineering.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2 Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor DeBoer led a discussion on what will happen with the old City Hall building and where the new City Hall building will be. Councilman Ferguson stated that he received a proposal from an engineer to do a comprehensive evaluation of the City Hall building for \$3500. Councilman Woehler stated that he also spoke with an engineer and they will do a comprehensive evaluation for \$1500. Mayor DeBoer thinks our number one priority will be to have a second engineer look at the building and then move forward from there. Public Comment: Richard Christ asked what the cost of a modular building would be. He stated that the city could put them on a permanent foundation and it would be faster to get them. Jane Hallquist wanted to know how the new City Hall will be paid for. Mark Curry stated that a modular building is not insulated as well as a stick build. Jim Lippert stated he spoke with the planning department and we can make the Dugout a temporary City Hall for no more than one year.

Negel O'Connor, Library Trustee, spoke in favor of approving Misti Titeca as the new Library Director. She stated that the entire Library Board of Trustees is in favor of Misti. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve Misti Titeca as the new Library Director, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Crystal Eldridge from Great West Engineering presented Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 24 for the second water storage tank. Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 24 on the new water storage tank, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor DeBoer read Resolution No. 1049: A Resolution of the City of Big Timber to Temporarily Halt Destruction of City Hall. Public Comment: Mark Curry asked if we are paying for the rental of the large piece of equipment in front of City Hall. Mayor DeBoer explained that we are not because we halted work on City Hall two weeks ago. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1049: A Resolution of the City of Big Timber to Temporarily Halt Destruction of City Hall, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor DeBoer read Resolution No. 1050: A Resolution of the City of Big Timber to Divide the Cost of Relocating the Water Transmission Main and Overflow Line. Jim Lippert stated that he had a discussion with a surveyor and he indicated that if the boundaries had been recently located then it would cost about \$2000, but if not, then the cost would be quite a bit more. Crystal Eldridge from Great West Engineering was unsure whether that had been done or not. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1050: A Resolution of the City of Big Timber to Divide the Cost of Relocating the Water Transmission Main and Overflow Line, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

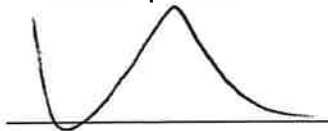
Hope Mosness explained that the charges for cardboard recycling will begin on November 1st. Letters will be sent to businesses with the new rates. Councilwoman Baird asked if there will be additional hauling charges for the cardboard that are not included in the rate table. Hope will reach out to Ryan from Republic Services and find out. Mark Curry asked for clarification on what the charges for cardboard recycling are for. He believes it should be cheaper for them to have a cardboard dumpster than to throw it in the trash. He also asked if the city is still considering doing their own trash services. Dick Christ asked where the cardboard is taken. He thinks that there is a business opportunity for a resident to pick up cardboard for the businesses and take it to the recycling center. Sandy Smith stated that she put old newspapers in the trunk of her car and took them to be recycled and it didn't even pay for the gas. Lee Andreas asked if the city has contacted other recycling places. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to table the rates for cardboard recycling, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

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

Public Comment: Jim Lippert asked Crystal Eldridge when they would need the title to the property and survey completed for the second water tank. Crystal responded that the sooner the better. They plan to be in the bidding phase early next year so definitely by then.

Council Concerns: Councilman Woehler stated that there are three unused trash steel rings that need to be removed from the baseball field. He thinks they would be inviting for kids to play on and they are an eyesore. Mayor DeBoer will reach out to Public Works to remove them. Councilman Ferguson stated that we need to talk to the City Judge to enforce the chicken ordinance. Animal Control Officer, Norene Brown, explained a current situation with a resident who has at least 30 chickens. Jim Lippert will talk with the County Attorney to see how to resolve this situation.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm seconded by Councilman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.



Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer

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