

## Budget Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting

### Carnegie Library

July 7, 2025

Mayor DeBoer opened the Budget Work Meeting at 6:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, Justin Ferguson and Leonard Woehler.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, Jacque Scott, Library Director, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Linda Brunckhorst, Peter Fox (Library Board), Mike Duval, Clifford Brophy, Anita Dore, Mark Curry, Joe Todisco, Mike Shipman, Ash Martin, and Tammy Kober

FY26 Budget Discussion: Wages for the new Library Director were discussed and the Council is proposing starting the new library director at \$26.09/hour which is the median hourly wage for that position. Public Comment: Mike Duval suggested leaving some room to see how she does and room for growth in that position in regards to wages. The Council also is looking at increasing water, sewer, and garbage rates 4% each year for five years to cover increasing costs.

Mayor DeBoer closed the Budget Work Meeting at 6:53pm and opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00pm.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/16/25 Budget Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting, the 6/23/25 Budget Work Meeting and Special City Council Meeting and 6/30/25 Budget Work Meeting, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg did not attend the meeting.

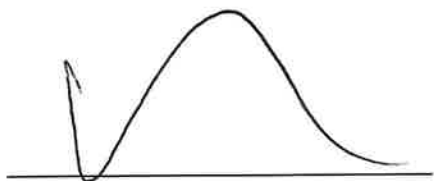
Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, reported that the water treatment plant alarms have been going off due to a problem with Park Electric which should be fixed. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality did a sewer inspection this week and made some suggestions on sewer operations. They also stated that they had an anonymous complaint about our sewer discharge polluting the Boulder River, but testing results showed it was fine. The durapatcher is up and running. They had AG Fabrication create a tailgate for the dump truck to get the aggregate into the durapatcher. The hedge at the Dugout was trimmed at the request of a neighbor. DEQ also received a complaint that the grass pile at the transfer site has oil going into the Boulder River. Kris checked and reported to the DEQ and all is well. Demolition at City Hall is completed. Mayor DeBoer will contact Coulter Todd to see when he will start work on the City Hall remodel.

The Solid Waste committee proposed rates for cardboard recycling for commercial customers. Republic Services will offer recycling services, but will now charge for that service. Council agreed to the rates proposed and also agreed for the city to cover the costs to continue to allow residents to recycle plastics

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

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer