

APPROVED
THE 1431ST REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 @ 7:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Roll who welcomed the public and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Olsen, Mr. Teske, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Raines, Mrs. Desch and Mr. Bischoff were present. City Administrator Jim Hammons and City Clerk Glenna Hook were also present. Jack Connors of Doney Law was present by phone.

Roy Yoder of the Amish Church was present to offer prayer.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting 2-2-15 and Special Meeting 1-28-15. Mrs. Desch seconded the motion. Mr. Bischoff made a motion to switch Mr. Olsen's comment about the conflict of interest to after the motion passed in the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 28, 2015. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. The motion to change the minutes was passed. The motion to approve the changed minutes was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darwin Scofield of the Libby Baptist Church announced there was a Sunshine Concert and Praises coming up this Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Assembly of God Church and wanted everyone to know they were welcome and invited. This fund raiser gives a big part of their proceeds to help people in the community and people traveling through with food, gas, lodging and medical expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks/Cemetery; Mrs. Williams stated the committee had a meeting today with representatives from Relay for Life and the committee heard what their plans were and wanted to make sure the city could be of assistance. The committee asked them to call Jim Hammons.

Fire; None

Resolutions/Ordinances; Mrs. Williams stated there was a resolution and ordinance on agenda tonight and the final reading of Ordinance 1866 would be on the March 2nd agenda.

Personnel; None

Building; Mr. Teske stated Jim Hammons is suppose to meet with a contractor down at the Old City Hall to start getting bids to see how much it would cost for a new roof.

Water/Sewer; Mrs. Teske stated they were still working with the Baptist Church on the issue there. Mr. Teske stated Habitat for Humanity has asked for a formal agreement to waive the sewer and water tapping fees for new KVP homes. Mr. Teske stated he had talked to Mick Shea (KVP) and a draft agreement was written up by Russ Barnes. Mr. Teske stated there were questions as to how this would be tracked so that if the houses were sold to a third party the city

would recoup the tapping fees. There are other questions that Mr. Teske stated they needed to figure out.

Budget/Finance; Mr. Bischoff stated the Budget and Finance committee had a meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 12:00noon to take a look at our current budget which looks good and were going to meet on Thursday, February 19, 2015 @ 12:00noon to look at next year's budget.

Police; Mayor Roll stated the Libby Police has been quite active the 2 weeks. On the homicide case the Libby Police ended up being the lead and is still ongoing. The runaway is back and is ongoing and the FBI got involved. The two that had broken into 26 vehicles in Libby stole a car and have been caught.

Lights/Streets/Sidewalks; Mrs. Desch stated they had a meeting on Friday, February 13, 2015 and what they talked about is on the agenda for discussion.

City Administrator; Jim Hammons, City Administrator stated everything is going good. They are patching pot holes and running low on cold mix. They are trying to get some made up.

Finance; Glenna Hook, City Clerk-Treasurer said she was working on some figures for the next years insurance costs.

HEAR THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES

Arlen Magill residing at 807 Wisconsin Avenue, Libby stated he was the concerned citizen that brought up the conflict of interest about Dejon Raines.

DC Orr residing at 1117 Nevada Avenue, Libby stated his concerns about Resolution 1865. Mr. Orr talked about what other towns are doing. Mr. Orr voiced his concerns about the resolution and the City Attorney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final reading of Ordinance # 1864, to adopt the International Building Codes; Mrs. Williams made a motion to adopt the final reading of Ordinance # 1864. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #1865, to set a fee schedule for copies and searches for public records; Mrs. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution # 1865. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Mr. Olsen voiced his concerns about Resolution # 1865 asking if the resolution pertained strictly to the public. Mr. Teske asked if the resolution needed to be done tonight. Mr. Bischoff stated the committee recommended it and had made some changes. Mrs. Raines asked about concerns that if the public refused to fill out a form for information would the request be denied and would that be illegal. Mr. Bischoff stated they only needed to write a request for information. Mrs. Williams removed her motion and suggested putting it back into committee.

Libby NOW presentation; Nick Raines, Kristin Smith and Jonette Watkins representing Libby NOW gave a presentation to the council. Libby NOW is an informal group of individuals seeking to facilitate the creation of a positive image for Libby through a variety of means.

Libby NOW's mission is "To preserve, promote, create and improve the Libby community by providing leadership and services reflecting a forward-looking, thriving Libby." Jonette Watkins led the presentation informing the council of their ideas. Nick Raines finished by stating the reason they were here tonight was to get feedback and input from the council and mayor.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Approval of Business Licenses received to date; Mr. Bischoff made a motion to approve Business Licenses received to date. Mrs. Desch seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Discussion of sweeper and water truck; Mrs. Desch stated the Mt. Dept. of Transportation sent us information on a Grant Program from Montana Air. This is a program which offers Cities and Counties equipment that you can buy to help with air pollution. The MACI program provides 86.58% of the funding and we would have to provide 13.42% in match. The Street Department could use a new sweeper and a flush truck. The sweeper cost is \$201,300 and the flush truck cost is \$172,500 which totals \$373,800. Our cost for both would be \$50,163.96. Mrs. Desch made a motion to purchase the sweeper and flush truck and pay for the trucks out of the ED fund. Mr. Teske seconded the motion. Committee recommended a grant which the council agreed to. Motion Passed.

HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES

DC Orr residing at 1117 Nevada Avenue, Libby spoke about emails being passed around the last couple of weeks concerning the conflict of interest with Dejon Raines and others. Mr. Orr felt the emails should be shared with the public. Mr. Orr commented on concerns he has with the City Attorney.

Jonette Watkins stated that tomorrow night there is a forum on Strengthening Our Recreation Economy. It will be held in the Ponderosa Room and begins at 6:00pm. There will be two speakers Lee Boman and Greg Fortin. Ms. Watkins also stated the Job Service became aware of an opportunity that a Black Hawk Helicopter and another helicopter will be coming to Libby in June. It will be for managers and/or owners of a business to sign up and get a free ride in a Black Hawk Helicopter. For information and to sign up contact the Job Service.

Mr. Bischoff made a comment that Mr. Orr stated twice tonight about an investigation of Mrs. Raines and wanted the public and council to know that the Mayor had requested an opinion on this issue and it is not an investigation. Mr. Olsen disagreed and stated his email said it was an investigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Mayor

Attest; _____

City Clerk