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APPROVED

**THE 1445th REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 4, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL**

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. William, Mrs. Raines and Mr. Zimmerman were present. City Clerk-Treasurer Audray McCollum was also present. Mrs. Desch was absent.

Prayer was offered by Ray Yoder.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve minutes for 10-5-15 and 12-7-15, Mr. Teske seconded all voted except Mr. Zimmerman since he was not sworn in. All approved except Mr. Olsen. Mr. Olsen asked that Mr. Teske swear him in for office, Mr. Roll advised against it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Roll swore in Mrs. Williams, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Raines and Mr. Zimmerman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks/Cemetery; None

Fire; There have been 3 incidents inside city limits, 5 incidents were outside city limits for a total of 8.

Resolutions/Ordinances; None

Personnel; None

Building; Mr. Teske said he was waiting on the insurance company for replacement of the fire hall roof.

City Attorney; None

Water/Sewer; Mr. Teske working on a new water policy. He would like all council members to review it. He will be having a meeting next week to go over any changes, would like to have it done for approval at next city council meeting.

Budget/Finance; None

Police; Chief Watson stated for the month of December there were 212 cases, 40 citations and 27 arrest. The total for the year 2015 is 2801 cases, 375 citations and 255 arrests. Mr. Olsen questioned how much it was to keep a person incarcerated per day; Mr. Watson replied that he thought it was around \$75.00 per day.

Lights/Streets/Sidewalks; None

City Administrator; None

Finance; None

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

Mr. Magill 807 Wisconsin Asked to disclose personal relations to extend the attorney contract.

Mr. Orr 1117 Nevada Ave Libby Public has lost trust with the council. Need to work together, follow the law, hope the New Year will build trust, and take issues serious to restore conflict.

Mr. Hubbard 15 Northwood Libby feels there is a conflict of interest in extending Mr. Payne's contract.

Mr. Cunnane 622 Michigan Libby Congratulated all the new council members, would like to see the city move forward. Thanked the city street crew on the great job they did removing the snow on Mineral Ave. Thanked emergency management on a job well done with the winds and recent flooding.

Mr. Watson Libby City Police Chief 341 White Ave. Voiced the importance of having a city attorney, any work that the city cops do will be dropped without having a city attorney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Olsen made a motion to give nonunion employees a 1.6% raise for two years and elected official not receive a raise. Mr. Teske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Oedewaldt, Lincoln County Planner, made a presentation on the Riddle subdivision. She explained that it would be a simple split; Mr. Riddle wants to sell the old office building and keep the rest of the property. Council needs to consider a driveway variance which in most cases is a huge deal but this one would be simple. The City of Libby subdivision regulations state that driveways shall enter from secondary roadway. The property driveway has historical access from Highway 2, and is already approved by the Montana department of transportation.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve the subdivision variance, Mrs. Williams's seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Oedewaldt discussed the conditions of the variance stating all utility services are on the property and emergency services are available. The existing sewer and water servicing the house will need to be abandoned, and replaced with lines directly to the house. Developer has three years to meet conditions. Covenants need to be drafted, and the surveyor will have to update the plat map.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Riddle subdivision. Mr. Olsen seconded. All approved.

Mr. Roll asked for approval to extend the Doney Crowley's contract for two months. Mrs. Raines made a motion to extend the contract till the end of Jan 2016. Mr. Teske seconded Motion passed with Mr. Olsen voting against.

Mrs. Williams asked the council to look over the design and construction manual written by Mike Frazer. This would be very beneficial to the city of Libby, includes the City of Libby permit process and standards taken from the Montana construction standards, this would make everything uniform since the ordinances don't always cover what is needed. This was an introduction to the ordinance change, no vote was taken.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Business Licenses Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve business licenses received to date, Mrs. Williams made a motion to only approve the ones that had a signature and address Mr. Teske seconded. Motion passed.

Claims for Dec, 2015 Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve claims for December, 2015. Mrs. Raines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES

Lisa Oedewaldt stated that town Pump is putting up a new bill board and the City of Libby has nothing in the Zoning codes about bill boards and that they need to include this in the future.

Arlen Magill 807 Wisconsin Libby would like to thank Corky and the city crew on good job removing the snow. Would like the city attorney to be easy to communicate with, asked that the council look into a floating attorney.

Rob Hubbard 15 Northwood, Libby would like to know how to make a motion.

DC Orr 1117 Nevada, Libby would like the minutes to reflect the substance of the discussion, asked the council to look hard for a new attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7; 52 pm

Mayor Doug Roll

Attest; _____

City Clerk-Treasurer Audray J. McCollum