

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting # 1606 on Monday, June 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Peggy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed, Prayer was led by Leona Mast, and Roll Call commenced. Present were Mayor Peggy Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zachariah McNew, Hugh Taylor, Brian Zimmerman, City Administrator Sam Sikes, Clerk/Treasurer Leann Monigold, and (via Zoom) Attorney Dean Chisholm. Councilor Kristin Smith was not in attendance.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approve City Council Minutes #1605 dated Monday May 16, 2022.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **City Council Minutes #1605**, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Announcements: Mayor Williams announced Primary Elections will be Tuesday, June 7th, in the Memorial Center for the City. Juneteenth is not recognized as a day off for the City so the Council meeting will be held Monday, June 20th, and at 6:15 pm a Public Hearing will be held regarding a variance. June 14th and 15th focus group meetings regarding Libby Growth Policy Update with Joe Nelson will be held in the Ponderosa Room.

Committee Reports:

Administrator: Administrator Sikes reported the City received a letter from the Department of Transportation outlining the statewide transportation improvement program for the next 5 years and a website link is available to see highway projects scheduled for the next 5 years.

Streets Department has two paving projects scheduled for the upcoming month to repair Highway 2 near Deshazer Ryan Realty and Harlow's Bus Service. Paving will be going on throughout the city in June at various intersections, and in July and August chip coating will begin throughout the city to protect previous years of paving.

The Water Department's annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) begins in June and will be published in the newspaper along with copies available at City Hall. The new Kubota Mini should be delivered in September and the city received 24 water meters that have been on backorder for the last year.

The Sewer Department has been having issues dealing with heavy white quilted paper towels being flushed and clogging up the pumps and floats, calls are being made to stop the flushing of these towels. Mr. Sikes announced a new member has been hired to fill the vacancy at the sewer plant and starts on June 27th.

Mr. Sikes wanted to remind everyone all Memorial Day decorations will be removed next week and the city does not save them, so persons wanting to save decorations need to have them removed before cleanup.

A Safety Committee meeting was held May 31st to come back into compliance with State regulations after pausing due to COVID-19. A meeting will be held every four months.

Police: Chief Kessel reported 319 calls for service in the month of May and of those calls 58 crimes against persons, 22 property crimes, 9 drug offenses, 6 DUIs, 11 crashes, 94 miscellaneous, and 93 traffic stops, 24 animal complaints, and 2 city ordinance violation due to the length of grass.

Chief Kessel announced the City's newest officer, Josh Brabo is doing well in the academy training and the County Attorney has sent a letter to S&D Auto Detail about zoning violation and were given until the 15th of June to cease and desist after which situations will be issued.

Budget Committee: Mayor Williams announced figures for the new budget are being updated as information becomes available and the next committee meeting will be June 20th.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

Approve all claims received to date:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **all claims received to date**, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all business license applications received to date:

Chloe's Cleaning, Dixon's Construction, Hawkeye Asbestos Consulting & Inspecting, Lincoln County Courier Services, and Manic Mechanic.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **all business license applications received to date**, and Councilor Taylor **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business:

IP negotiations: Mayor Williams spoke with Andrew Schmitt from the EPA and they are planning a meeting to be held in Libby on August 15th.

Public Comments: None

General Comments from the Council: Councilor Taylor wanted to thank Search and Rescue, Sheriff's office, and all the other towns that helped find the missing child.

Councilor McNew said the playground equipment is in Libby and looking into having a contractor put it together.

Adjournment:

Councilor McNew **MADE A MOTION** to **adjourn**, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold

