

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting # 1607 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 Jeff O'Connell, and roll call commenced. Present were Mayor Peggy Williams, Councilors Melissa Berke, Zachariah McNew, Kristin Smith, City Administrator Sam Sikes, Clerk/Treasurer Leann Monigold. (Via Zoom) were Councilors Hugh Taylor, Brian Zimmerman, and Attorney Dean Chisholm. Councilor Gary Beach was not in attendance.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approve City Council Minutes #1604 dated May 2, 2022 and #1606 dated June 6, 2022.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **City Council Minutes #1604 and #1606**, and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Announcements: None.

Committee Reports:

Building Inspector: Administrator Sikes reported 10 residential building permits sold in May 2022 for a total of \$10,694, bringing the total for the year to 53 building permits sold to \$47,524.

Fire: Councilor Zimmerman reported LVFD responded to 10 calls in May 2022; of those calls, 5 city, 4 rural, and 1 outside of city-rural. 2 structural fires, 2 ambulance/mutual aids, 3 false alarms, 1 power line, 1 electrical, and 1 miscellaneous for a total of 46 calls for the year. Starting July 11 TCI will be starting the concrete project at the Fire Department and will take approximately 2 weeks.

Zoning/Planning: Councilor Smith announced a Planning Board meeting for Monday, June 27th with an update and document on the Growth Policy. Mayor Williams distributed a copy of the existing conditions received during the focus group meetings the previous week. Councilor Smith explained the existing conditions are a building block to help create the Growth Policy around.

Budget: Mayor Williams announced a meeting will be held Friday, June 24th at noon.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Decision regarding request for variance at 620 Utah Ave: Taken care of during the Public Hearing prior to the Council meeting.

Approve all business license applications received to date:

Cabinet Mountain Property Management, Clear Vision Window Cleaning, Mackenzie & Ethan Huributt Wallace, Place Consecution, and Westlund Lawn Care.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business:

IP negotiations: Mayor Williams announced the meeting with EPA and possibly DEQ is still planned for August 15th.

Public Comments: None

General Comments from the Council: Mayor Williams commented on the poor condition of the ash trees on Lincoln Blvd. and has reached out to people with knowledge of trees. Vicky Lawrence said, in the past, she treated them for aphids in the fall. Tom Horlick, previously experienced working with the city's trees, will reach out to a tree expert in Kalispell to find out if they are having similar issues and if so, how they are being treated. Mr. Horlick will also survey our city trees for aphids and have them sprayed. Monoculture is a problem when the same types of trees are planted too close together, if one gets sick, they all get sick. It has been recommended that all future tree planting be interspersed with different species of trees.

Councilor McNew said the playground equipment for Fireman's Park has arrived. A meeting was held June 17th and had met with Zero to Five and will contribute an additional \$15000 to purchase small children playground equipment for the project.

Councilor McNew commented on the appearance and unsafe conditions of the old Libby High School, enquiring if something could be done. Councilor Taylor said Attorney Chisholm had suggested a few avenues to approach the issue and Walter Snyder, new Building Inspector, was tasked with the issue but there has not been an update yet. Councilor Zimmerman mentioned former Building Inspector Ron Higgins and Chief Lauer had sent a certified letter back in 2017 and recently, Chief Lauer spoke with Mr. Curry, who said something was supposed to be done in May or June, but that time has elapsed, so he will speak with Chief Lauer to see if there is an update.

Adjournment:

Councilor Berke **MADE A MOTION** to **Adjourn**, and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold