

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting # 1608 on Tuesday, July 5, 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 by Matthew Coblenz, and roll call commenced. Present were Mayor Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zach McNew, Hugh Taylor, Kristin Smith, and Brian Zimmerman, Administrator Samuel Sikes, City Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold, and (via Zoom) City Attorney Dean Chisholm.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approve Public Hearing/Board of Adjustments minutes dated June 20, 2022.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve **Board of Adjustments minutes**, and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Councilors Berke, McNew, Smith, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**. Councilors Beach and Taylor abstained from voting due to absence from the meeting.

MOTION PASSED.

Approve City Council minutes #1607 dated June 20, 2022.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve **City Council minutes #1607**, and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

Councilors Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**. Councilors Beach abstained from voting due to absence from the meeting.

MOTION PASSED.

Announcements: None.

Committee Reports:

Administrator: Administrator Sikes reported Hwy 2 repairs by Deshazer Realty and Bus Barn will begin in a few weeks followed by chip sealing starting late July. The City will be working with the County to do some grinding in preparation for the season street repairs. A new method of crack sealing is being tried with a product called Cold Flow to reduce expenses.

Street crews are checking up on last fall and winter street opening permits to make sure they are getting patched. If the contractor does not repair the opening and the City makes the repairs, time and materials will be charged to the contractor. Contractors are being contacted and informed, anytime asphalt is being cut even for a curb, a street opening permit is required and the contractor is responsible for any repairs.

The Streets Shop roof has been leaking for many years and needs replaced. Original estimate for the roof was between \$100,000 and \$125,000. North Star Roofing was brought

in for a new system they have for \$15,000 that includes calking every joint and screw head, taping, adding a base layer, and then topped with an acrylic layer for protection with a 10 year guarantee. The repairs will give time to build the Capital Improvement Plan for roof replacement.

New sprinkler systems have been installed across from the tennis courts in the triangle and grass seed has been spread. The curbing, gutters, and paving is being calculated for that area to be completed as one project.

Fire: Councilor Zimmerman reported LVFD responded to 5 calls in June 2022; of those calls, 2 city, 1 rural, and 2 outside of city-rural. 1 grass/wild land fire, 1 ambulance/mutual aid, 2 power line, and 1 dumpster for a total of 51 calls for the year. Starting July 11 TCI will be starting the apparatus bay concrete project at the Fire Department and will take 2 weeks to complete so some trucks may be outside during the process.

Police: Chief Kessel reported for the month of June, 405 calls for service; of those calls 69 crimes against persons, 36 crimes against property, 64 traffic stops and citations, 15 crashes, 2 drug cases, 80 animal complaints, 139 miscellaneous which includes mental health, alarms, and suspicious activity. 4th of July was uneventful a few fireworks complaints. Officer Dewitt returned from military service and Officer Brabo graduates the police academy in a week then will have 3 months of field training.

Zoning/Planning: Councilor Smith announced the Planning Board met last week with an update from consultant working on Growth Policy provisions.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Rick Hobson, 340 Edgewater Drive, expressed his feelings and concerns about the drag queen event that will take place on July 9th.

DC Orr, 1117 Nevada, read a letter he had written about his feelings and concerns for the Pride event taking place July 9th.

Wheatley Ryan, 1309 Washington Ave, expressed his feelings and concerns about the event taking place July 9th.

Paul Horton, 193 Mundane Road, expressed his feelings and concerns about the event taking place July 9th.

Evan Comella, 232 Lake Bluff Drive, Troy, expressed her feeling and concerns about the events scheduled for the Pride event.

Mike France, south of town, expressed his feelings about the event taking place July 9th.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approve Resolution #2003, Discontinuing and vacating Millwest Road and a portion of Millwood Loop Road:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **Resolution #2003, Discontinuing and vacating Millwest Road and a portion of Millwood Loop Road**, and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve Mayor to sign task order for Cabinet Heights water main replacement:

Mayor Williams explained the Cabinet Heights water main replacement project, the project will be paid for using ARPA funding and Capital Improvement Plan funds, costing \$1,100,000, which could be started this fall or next spring. The alternative to funding the project would be to wait until the next grant cycle, which would prevent the project from starting until 2024, and construction would be at least a year or more after that. If a grant is used, DEQ would only authorize a 10 inch pipe as necessary, but the City understands a 12 inch pipe would eventually be required due to growth. By using current funds available, the City will have control over the size.

DC Orr, 1117 Nevada, inquired about the length of the pipe needed and why the main line needs increased. Mayor Williams and Administrator Sikes stated the length of the line was estimated to be 3000 linear feet of 12 inch pipe for the project and there has been insufficient water flow and pressure and no additional hookup can be added until it is corrected.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve **Mayor to sign task order for Cabinet Heights water main replacement**, and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve CityServiceValcon propane and Moore Oil fuel bids:

Mayor Williams read the bids aloud. Council discussed the price difference from the previous year and noted if prices significantly rise or fall, the contract may be renegotiated by either party.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve **CityServiceValcon propane and Moore Oil fuel bids**, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve Fraser Management & Consulting retainer contract:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve **Fraser Management & Consulting retainer contract**, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve Animal Control contract renewal with Lincoln County:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve **Animal Control contract renewal with Lincoln County**, and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all claims received to date:

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all business license applications received to date:

Alex's Super Clean Services, Kaiju Bar & Grill, Kingdom Body Mechanic.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business:

IP negotiations: Mayor Williams announced the meeting is still planned for August 15th.

Public Comments: DC Orr, 1117 Nevada Ave., asked if there was anything in writing on the status of IP negotiations and whether the meeting would be open to the public. Mayor Williams informed Mr. Orr the meeting would be part of the regular Council meeting and IP has refused to come to the table, but everything is in writing and would be made available to him upon request.

General Comments from the Council: Mayor Williams gave an update on the trees along Lincoln Blvd., stating several have been sprayed for aphids and scaling and it has been recommended 2 trees need to be immediately removed, so the City will proceed with the removal and all efforts are being done to save the others. Town Pump has backed out of the level III charging station so Flathead Electric has contacted the City about adding a level III charging station in Fireman's Park so the paperwork will be drawn up to present to Council.

Adjournment:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to **Adjourn**, and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold