

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting #1617 on Monday, November 21, 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, roll call commenced. Present were Mayor Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zach McNew, Kristin Smith, Hugh Taylor, Brian Zimmerman, Administrator Sam Sikes, Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold, and (via Zoom) City Attorney Dean Chisholm.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approve Council Minutes #1614 dated October 3, 2022:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve Council Minutes #1614 dated October 3, 2022, and Councilor Berke **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Announcements: Mayor Williams reminded everyone to City Hall will be closed November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving and announced that Joel Nelson will be at the meeting on December 5th to bring the Growth Plan to the Council with a presentation and take public comment. Approval of the Growth Plan is currently slated for December 19th.

Committee Reports:

Administrator: Administrator Sikes gave the Building Inspector's permit report, has been a total of 24 permits for FY23 in the amount of \$12,573.00 included is 18 roofs, 1 garage, 2 siding, 1 fence, 1 truck bay, and 1 remodel, this time last year was a total of 13 permits totaling about \$15,000.00.

Fire: Councilor Zimmerman reported 8 calls received for October 2022, 2 calls city, 6 rural that included 1 grass/wild land, 2 mutual aid Libby Ambulance, 1 false alarm, 1 fuel spill, and 3 miscellaneous for a total of 88 calls for 2022. They will be adopting the 2021 Fire Code in the next couple of months after the State does its formal adoption with amendments. Fire Chief Steve Lauer will present proposal at the meeting when the time comes.

Ordinance: Councilor Smith stated the next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, December 1st to discuss visibility triangles.

Zoning/Planning: Councilor Smith announced Zoning Commission will hold a meeting Monday, November 28th to finalize Residential A changes and Planning Board will be reviewing the Growth Policy.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Dave Kemmerer, 124 Pioneer, inquired about a pedestrian safety hazard crossing from Park Street to River Road and was informed that is outside city jurisdiction and Montana DOT would be the one to contact.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approve Resolution 2010, amending budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to reflect actual expenditures:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve Resolution 2010, amending budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to reflect actual expenditures. Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve Montana Sky proposal to update City phone system and internet:

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold presented the proposal and explained after requests from several City department to have better internet and service Montana Sky was asked to put a proposal together to update phones and internet in all City departments (City Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and City Maintenance Shop) to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone technology. The proposal included installation and setup for all departments with a onetime fee of \$7,102.55 and a monthly cost of \$1341.65 that includes equipment rental, maintenance, support, internet, and VoIP service and would be approximately a \$300 saving each month from the current bill.

Council discussed the updates, costs, and contract, and requested a proposal from Ziplly Fiber, who is also a service provider in Libby, to allow them to quote their services. Mayor Williams announced the decision will be tabled until December to wait for a quote from Ziplly.

Approve all Beer, Wine or Liquor Licenses received to date:

American Legion, Cabinet Mountain Brewing, Empire Foods, Lucky Lil's Casino, Lucky Logger Casino, Rosauers, Switch Back, and Town Pump.

Councilor Taylor **MADE A MOTION** to approve all Beer, Wine or Liquor Licenses received to date, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all Coin Operated Licenses to date:

American Legion and Rosauers.

Councilor Beach **MADE A MOTION** to approve all Coin Operated Licenses received to date, and Councilor Smith **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 licenses applications received to date:

Suntasic Tanning Salon.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business: IP Settlement, Mayor Williams announced they are waiting for EPA to schedule another meeting and Tony Petrusa is out of town and has requested approval for the LOR South Flower Creek/Old Snowshoe Recreation Development Plan wait until the next Council meeting December 5th.

Councilor Taylor questioned, after reviewing the LOR Recreational Development Plan presented, the expansion and improvements of the road access parking area of South Flower Creek Trail stating Council had already voted and denied that parking lot, asking if the plan is approved does that give them permission to move forward with the parking lot. Councilor Smith stated the current City Council has denied the parking lot but doesn't mean they can't make plans and have a vision for it and come back in the future to request the parking lot. Council discussed, it will have to be made clear to the Ski Club also that approving the plan would not mean the approval to develop the parking lot.

Mayor Williams stated Ben Scott had driven her through the route of the plan as best they could with the snow on the ground and an alternative parking lot and trailhead mentioned in the plan, with connector trails with the Norgard Trail off Ben's development property and looking into getting easements to the trailhead and some of the trails that would provide an alternative to some of the conditions that were made on Flower Creek, allowing them to access the trails without going on city property. The next meeting Mr. Petrusa will be able to give answers to any questions.

General Comments from the Council:

Councilor Smith announced fundraisers were held to help the Shed employees make it through the holidays after a fire destroyed the restaurant.

Councilor McNew inquired about receiving an update on the walking path to Riverfront Park. Administrator Sikes stated a meeting was held with Kip Nixon and discovered Chas Cons with the State has the records that are needed.

Councilor Berke said questions about Ski-Dale hill has been brought to her and inquired if it was city property. Mayor Williams informed her it was county property.

Councilor Beach suggested looking at board appointments because there are vacancies on the Police Commission, Planning Board and some terms may have expired on others.

Adjournment:

Councilor McNew **MADE A MOTION** to **Adjourn** and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold