

APPROVED
THE 1444th REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Desch and Mrs. Raines were present. City Administrator Jim Hammons, City Attorney Allan Payne, City Clerk-Treasurer Audray McCollum were also present.

Prayer was offered by Bill Cunnane.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to table the minutes from the Regular Meeting 10-5-15, Mr. Olsen seconded passed unanimously. Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on 11-2-15 and the working meeting on 11-16-15, Mr. Neff seconded, and Mrs. Williams made a motion to amend the minutes from 11-2-15 to correct the Ordinance Committee report to the following: Mrs. Williams stated that she was working on the committee meeting to discuss about four issues. One being the contract with the American legion Baseball for the use of the field, There is an issue with the alcohol encroachment ordinance. The fee schedule is being reviewed. The committee is waiting for comments from Jack Connors on these and other ordinance changes. Mr. Olsen seconded, motion passed. Mrs. Williams made a motion to change the wording in the 11-2-15 minutes from in the road to in the right away, Mr. Neff seconded, motion passed. Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11-2-15 meeting with the amended corrections and to approve the minutes from the working meeting on 11-16-15 Mrs. Desch seconded, motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks/Cemetery; None

Fire; There have been 3 Incidents and 1 fire inside city limits, 5 incidents were outside city limits for a total of 8.

Resolutions/Ordinances; Mrs. Williams stated she is still waiting on comments back (from the attorney) on all items that the ordinance committee has discussed.

Personnel; None

Building; Mr. Teske said he was waiting on roof bids and there was a miscommunication with Mast roofing, so Mr. Hammons called them to clarify the bid, Mast said they could patch the roof at this time for between 300-500 dollars. Since then there was a wind storm that blew a big tree down on the roof at the fire hall so now we have to wait for the insurance bids.

City Attorney; From January through now there has been 324 cases excluding traffic, a 7% increase from last year. There have been 500 court hearings, 9 in district court, resulting in 7 trial cases, 2 jury and 5 bench, one was dismissed, one acquitted and five convictions. One district court trial ended with a conviction. There are still 53 active criminal cases.

Water/Sewer; Mr. Teske updated information on the generating station to be placed at the PRD. Metering results showing variable flows made for a few changes, the price went up. The engineering is done; the next step is to work up a contract with Flathead Electric. Mr. Teske stated that there will be meeting with Morrison- Maierle on Friday to fix issue with the generator and the m-peak system at the water treatment plant.

Budget/Finance; None

Police; Chief Watson stated for the month of October there were 260 cases, 20 citations and 12 arrest. November had 222 cases, with 17 citations and 14 arrest.

Lights/Streets/Sidewalks; None

City Administrator; Construction work on the Vanderwood water line uncovered the 8 inch water line extending to the first residence. With this information there will be a change from 2' line to an 8'line. Otherwise the project is going as expected.

Finance; None

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

Mr. Orr residing at 1117 AV, Libby would like more discussion on all subjects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Teske made a motion to approve the 1.6% union contract good for 2 years. Mr. Neff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Williams made the motion to approve Audray McCollum for city clerk/treasurer Mr. Teske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roll would like to set up a committee for code of conduct (ethics). Since no council members volunteered to form a committee, the idea died.

Mr. Olsen asked Mr. Payne how to get items on the agenda; Mr. Payne responded that he will give a formal opinion when he has more time.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Business Licenses Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve business licenses received to date. Mrs. Raines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims for Nov, 2015 Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve claims for November, 2015. Mrs. Desch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Olsen requested a report from Mrs. Williams about her trip to Helena with the City County Health Board.

HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES

DC Orr 1117 Nevada Ave has concerns about the Vanderwood project. He would like everything put in writing. He also stated that the city council is not following the city charter. Council needs to speak for the people.

Bill Cunnane residing at 622 Michigan Ave, Libby has concerns about sexual or violent offenders. Mr. Cunnane feels that citizens need to be notified when violent or sexual offenders are released into the city. Mr. Cunnane stated that the sexual offender list has not been updated for years.

Rob Hubbard 15 Northwood, Libby has concerns with getting items on the agenda and is confused on how to do this. There has to be a change to make a change, and asked council to start working together.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7; 57 pm.

Mayor Doug Roll

Attest; _____
City Clerk-Treasurer Audray J. McCollum