

A REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2018 WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITY CENTER AND STARTED AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turk called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Turk asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners: Byerly, Doney, Hewitt, Loomis, Oldenburg and Turk. Commissioner Dunnington was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Doney commented on the corrections that needed to be made. City Clerk Nikki Brummond stated that she will make the corrections and thanked Commissioner Doney for the corrections. Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Commissioner Byerly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Loomis reported that he attended the recent Park and Recreation Board meeting. The board had a public comment period for the camping and regulations at East Fork Reservoir. The fees were discussed and there are two groups that use the facility regularly are the Muzzleloaders and the Bow hunters Association. Commissioner Loomis reported that the Walleyes Unlimited are planning on installing a handicap accessible deck at East Fork. The pet friendly area at Creekside was discussed. There was no roller skating this year, due to not being able to get anybody to work. The trails manager will be done in May and we will be looking for a new trails manager.

Commissioner Doney reported that there is an ordinance meeting this week and they will be discussing the sign ordinances.

Commissioner Byerly explained that last year the City offered to pay for the engineering at the Airport to look at the infrastructure and to develop the whole area which included a business park. The Airport Board was mystified of this issue and Commissioner Hewitt was able to produce a document with some of the work already done and hope to reduce some of the work. Commissioner Byerly thanked Commissioner Hewitt for beginning able to find the information

Commissioner Hewitt reported that she attended the Airport Board meeting and the snow blower has broken down and they are not sure that it can be fixed and may need to be replaced. The people renting the airport house have moved out and someone else is renting the property. The Airport Board has received a request from the seasonal BLM helicopter pilot wants to rent the trailer space next to the house. If he does so his rent will be increased because the Airport Board has passed and approved the leases with the new rates, zones and minimum standards. One of the hangars at the Airport Board has recently been sold. The Airport engineer is working on resurfacing the area and the runway at the Rimby hanger.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Holly Phelps reported on the following issues:

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) will be holding their Annual Awards Ceremony on May 11th at 6:30 pm at the upstairs Library meeting room. The City has also been notified that one of the HRC board members has resigned. We will be advertising to fill this vacancy soon. HRC would like to do a presentation at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. The HRC is also working on the bylaws and would like to bring them before the Commission for approval.

The Recharge Our Community, Nature Tourism Committee and Rural CAC will be holding two meetings at the Library on April 24th from 5 to 6:30 pm and on May 16th from 1 to 5 pm. The groups are hoping to identify additional stakeholders, to figure out how to promote and enhance nature tourism opportunities in Central Montana. The Nature Tourism Committee has been very active and have printed several maps and brochures promoting our area.

The level of the Frog Ponds have gone up because of the rain that occurred this week. It was running over the trails late Wednesday afternoon and by mid-day Thursday it had returned to normal. The frog ponds are operating as designed. The Public Works Department has been closely monitoring our flood control dams. The water levels are up slightly, but these too are operating as designed. The creek levels are up but the reason for this is mostly related to water coming down uncontrolled drainages.

The City Manager is currently working with Fergus County Weed District to finalize the renewal to our Weed Management Agreement. One of the items that we would like to incorporate is our nuisance weed ordinance in this agreement.

The contractor hopes to resume construction on the Riverdale Sewer project on May 1st. This will all be dependent on the weather.

The Lewistown Downtown Association will be doing their annual cleanup of the downtown area this Sunday. They will be meeting at the Lewistown The City does provide a dump trailer so that debris can be put there and the City takes care of it.

Library Director KellyAnne Terry reported that Mr. Jerry Hanley will be doing a ghost town presentation on April 19th at the Public Library.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Byerly made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda was the acknowledgement of the claims that have been paid from March 28, 2018 to April 11, 2018 for a total of \$112,664.19.

REGULAR AGENDA – Resolutions, Ordinances & Other Action Items:

The second reading of Ordinance No. 1760, an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Lewistown City Code amending definitions, prohibiting dogs at certain public events and amending general penalties

City Manager Phelps asked that the second reading be moved from the consent agenda because there was a slight change. Commissioner Hewitt asked about the first page and if someone living outside the city limits could bring their animal to the public event. City Manager Phelps explained that the first page of the ordinance is just a definition sheet and the part making the law is Section 3. Commissioner Loomis asked what will be done to educate the people of this changes in allowing dogs. City Manager Phelps explained that the City will work with the sanitarian, who will need to be notified if food is served and get a permit. The Chamber will be helping with the issue and there will be law enforcement and code enforcement to assist at the event. Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1760, an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Lewistown City Code amending definitions, prohibiting dogs at certain public events and amending general penalties and Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Discussion and action on approving Resolution No. 3960, a resolution authorizing the sale bleachers in the Lewistown Civic Center

City Manager Phelps explained that this resolution is in accordance with state law which requires a City to pass a resolution to dispose of property. The City will advertise a couple of time in the newspaper asking for a sealed for the bleachers and the City will accept the highest bid. City Manager Phelps explained that by approving this you are authorizing the City Manager to sign any documents for the sale of the bleachers. This is set by state statute and there are seven sections of bleachers at the Civic Center and in conjunction with the Recreation District, Fergus County has authorized the purchase of the new bleachers. Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve Resolution No. 3960, a resolution authorizing the sale bleachers in the Lewistown Civic Center and Commissioner Loomis seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on approving the 2018 swimming pool fees as recommend by the Park and Recreation Board

City Manager Phelps explained that at the recent Park and Recreation Board meeting there was a lot of discussion on the swimming pool and the fees. City Manager Phelps explained that the main change with season passes is there is no longer a cap of four member families, but there is still a break for those larger families. There were no changes in the daily fees or slide passes. City Manager Phelps explained that the board did authorize a different rate for the evening swim, in hopes to encourage people to come after

work, or people that haven't tried out the facility. It will be a \$2.00 fee for swimming only after 6 pm. The swimming lessons have been increased by \$5.00. City Manager Phelps further explained that we did keep the 10% discount for City residents and it will be for lessons and passes purchased prior to June 1st. Commissioner Byerly asked about the situation with the swim team and a concern he has is if a fee for a swim meet has been determined. City Manager Phelps answered that it was not discussed extensively and it was left up to pool management or Jim Daniels to negotiate a fee. Further discussion followed. It was determined that the swim team issue would be brought back before the Commission. Commissioner Byerly made the motion to approve the 2018 swimming pool fees as recommend by the Park and Recreation Board and Commissioner Hewitt seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONER'S MINUTE

Commissioner Doney commented that she feels there is some confusion regarding missing meetings and it is asked that if you are going to miss a meeting to please let the City Manager know.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Turk adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018.

Patty Turk, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Brummond, City Clerk