

A COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2017 WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITY CENTER AND STARTED AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Turk called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners: Doney, Gremaux, Putnam and Turk. Commissioners Byerly, Hewitt and Poss were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Doney made the motion approve the June 5, 2017 minutes as presented and Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COURTESIES

There were none.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.

BOARD AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Doney commented that she is continuing to work on the City codes. Commissioner Doney explained that she is working with the City Attorney on prioritizing the codes and does have a representative from the Police Department to assist.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Holly Phelps reported on the following issues:

The artwork has been reinstalled on the signal boxes in the downtown area. The Arts and Entertainment District has also installed the new hardware and banners downtown. The City now maintaining a calendar for the Main Street banners and does have an application process in place for citizens who would like to hang banners on Main Street. If someone has questions or would like more details, please direct them to the City Office.

The Parks and Recreation Department has received a shipment of the fall cushioning material. The material is used around the playground equipment and must be fluffed annually and replaced as needed.

The summer reading program at the Library started on June 13. 150 kids and 50 adults signed up the first day. The theme this year is Build a Better World. Various manufacturing facilities and the Public Works Department will participate in a tour showcasing various equipment.

Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, League of Cities and Towns and the Local Government will be holding their Regional Training in Lewistown on August 7th. The topics will include an overview on the new Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (Gas Tax) and its implementation. Liability 101 and governance and professional development. The meeting is from 9 to 4 and lunch is provided. Please let the Finance Officer know if you would like to attend.

The most recent water samples have indicated there is a presence of total coliform bacteria in the water system. These positive samples have triggered a Level 2 assessment of our system. The Public Works Director will be meeting with DEQ next week to conduct the Level 2 assessment.

The City Manager has been participating in a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) working group set up by the League of Cities and Towns to bring all parties together to provide a unified voice to address the concerns surrounding the TIFs and how to resolve these issues. The TIF interim study came in 6th priority based on legislative votes. The group meets quarterly. If the Commission would like more information on this, or if you would like to participate in this working group please let the City Manager know.

A ribbon cutting celebration is planned for the Machler Restoration project. It will be held, June 20th at 2 pm at the restoration site.

The Recharge Our Community (ROC) Youth Engagement Group and the Creekside Project Committee are hosting a “Public Input Meeting” to discuss the proposed Creekside Marketplace & Pavilion project. The project architect will be present to answer question regarding the current place for this project. They will also be discussing ideas for memorializing the Mill Building. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 26th at the Central Montana Community Center located at 307 W Watson.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Putnam made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Doney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda was the acknowledgement of the claims that have been paid from June 1, 2017 to June 14, 2017 for a total of \$33,274.62.

REGULAR AGENDA – Resolutions, Ordinances, and Other Action Items:

1. Presentation by Don Bost on the progress of improvements at Symmes Park

Mr. Bost was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Discussion and action on approving 2016 – 2017 agreement with School District No. 1

Ms. Phelps explained that this is the agreement between the City of Lewistown and School District No. 1 and has been in place for quite some time. There was no inflationary increase this year and the agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities of the City and the School District. Commissioner Putnam made the motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Doney 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.

3. Discussion and action on approving a TSEP agreement for the Riverdale Sewer Project

Ms. Phelps explained that this is the agreement between the Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) and the City of Lewistown for the Riverdale Sewer project. The total amount of the budget is just over a million dollars and \$500,000 is from the TSEP and a coal severance agreement is in place for the sewer connections. Commissioner Gremaux made the motion to approve the TSEP agreement for the Riverdale Sewer Project and Commissioner Doney 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

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Turk adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2017

Patty Turk, Commission Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Brummond, City Clerk