

May 25, 2021

The Red Lodge City Council met for a working session on May 25, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The items the Mayor, City Council, Public, and Staff discussed were the following:

1. **Presentation of Police Award** Police Chief Wells presented Diane Beres with the Civilian Employee of the Year award for the outstanding work she does with the Red Lodge Police Department.
2. **Resolution No. 3575, Budget Amendment for Resort Tax** This item was removed from the agenda and was not discussed.
3. **Resolution No. 3576, Resolution for Surplus Property** Council and staff discussed Resolution No. 3576 regarding surplus property that is no longer needed and can be put out for auction on the Public Surplus website.
4. **Resolution No. 3577, Resolution to Publish Policies, Procedures and Forms** Council and staff discussed Resolution No. 3577. Council agreed to move this forward after Sam Painter has a chance to look at the changes that were discussed.
Public comment- Kristen Cogswell, 620 19th St W, wants Policy and Procedures available on the City Website.
5. **Alternatives Contract** Council and staff discussed the Alternative Contract. Council wanted to clarify section 4A of the contract under Board Representation. Council agreed to move forward after changes have been sent back to Alternatives.
6. **Ordinance No. 954, Modify Police Commission Ordinance** Council and staff discussed Ordinance No. 954 which modifies the Police Commission duties. Council received Sam Painters opinion and suggestions on the ordinance.

Public comment- Kristen Cogswell, 620 19th St W, talked about the Police commission. She said the Police Commission doesn't do anything. The Chief gives them a pack of papers. She said at the last one, they received a photo copy of a homeschool diploma. She said they don't get to research and all they do is check the boxes. She said if you take out the "hearing" part of the ordinance, then you are just left with "review", then it would be fine. She said to look into Missoula's.

Jason Wells, 616 S Hauser, thanked Kristen Cogswell for proving his point. He said the committee hearing that contained information on a Police officer was currently divulged to you (public) that he was homeschooled that she (Kristen Cogswell) divulged. Wells said those types of things are very serious about letting information out and background checks.


Hope Smith, 517 N Hauser, said the Police Commission could improve community relations.

7. **Department Head Reports from Council-** Council members gave updates on their assigned departments.
8. **Public Comment-** Mary Cameron, 720 N Haggin, had questions regarding Resolution No. 3575. Mayor Larson told her it was removed from the agenda.

Hope Smith, 517 N Hauser, asked why there is no transparency in who the applicants were for the City Attorney Position.

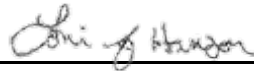
Mary Cameron, 720 N Haggin, expressed her disappointment in the lack of transparency in the whole interview process for the City Attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk