

January 23, 2024

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Westwood, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present: Mayor Westwood, Aldermen Conlee, Daniels, Heaton, Keys, Ronning and Toupin.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE: City Clerk – Loni Hanson

MAYOR’S BUSINESS- Mayor’s Comments

Appointment of Red Lodge Parks Board Member- Mayor Westwood said he would like to appoint with Council’s approval, Mary Dell Gun and Roger Moellendorf to the Red Lodge Parks Board.

Motion by Conlee, second by Daniels to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Red Lodge Parks Board. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Use of City Owned Land Permit, Shakespeare in the Park- Mayor Westwood said he received a Use of City Owned Land Permit from the Community Foundation for Shakespeare in the Park.

Mayor Westwood said after the last meeting’s discussion with Council and their concerns, this application is approved pending updated signatures of property owners.

Use of City Owned Land Permit, Snow Creek Saloon, Street Dance, July 2024- Mayor Westwood said he received a Use of City Owned Land Permit from the Snow Creek Saloon for their street dance in July 2024. He said this application has been approved as submitted.

Mayor Westwood said he would like the Land Use and Planning Committee to look into the Use of City Owned Land Permits and the process of charging fees.

Planning Board Position Openings- Mayor Westwood said there will be some upcoming vacancies on the Planning Board. He said these vacancies will be posted mid-February so Council can appoint in March. One of the vacancies will be a Council appointment.

Fundamentals of Montana Municipal Government- Mayor Westwood said there are some upcoming classes available to elected officials and staff through the MSU Local Government Center.

Updates on Staff Positions- Mayor Westwood said the new Public Works Director is still set to start on February 5, 2024. He said he reached out to the applicant that was given a conditional offer for the Planning Director position. He has not heard back from her after their first initial conversation and he considering reopening the position, either as a Planning Director or revamping the position to include the duties as the Mayor’s assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

RLACF Partnering Presentation-This presentation was postponed until a future date.

CORRESPONDENCE- Any correspondence was included in Council packets.

ACTION ITEMS- Set the Time and Place for Hearing for Resort Tax Appeal- Motion by Ronning, second by Conlee to take up the action to set the time and place for hearing for Resort Tax Appeal. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Motion by Toupin, second by Daniels to set the time and place for Resort Tax Appeal on February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Westwood said there has been a request for an appeal on Resort Tax penalties. He said the Council is where the appeal goes to and since the Resort Tax includes confidential information, this will be a closed session.

Resolution No. 3638, Resolution of Intent to Exclude Certain Real Property from the City of Red Lodge-

Motion by Ronning, second by Daniels to take up the action on Resolution No. 3638, Resolution of Intent to exclude certain real property from the City of Red Lodge. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Motion by Ronning, second by Daniels to approve Resolution No. 3638, resolution of intent to exclude certain real property from the City of Red Lodge as amended. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning to amend Resolution No. 3638, to accept the City Attorney’s changes in blue under the first “Whereas” and fifth “Whereas”. On roll vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

John Beug, Red Lodge, said he is the second party that will be acquiring the land once it is excluded from the City. He said he did reach out the Red Lodge Country Club Estates, Jeff Schmidt, and they do not have any issues with the exclusion.

There was more discussion among the Council members and Mayor regarding the resolution.

Cody Marxer, Contracted City Planner, went over the staff report and the process for the land exclusion.

Public Comment on Resolution No. 3638- Jenn Battles, Red Lodge, said she has no objections, but it’s important to maintain audience participation when appropriate during the meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 3638

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF RED LODGE AND AMEND THE CITY OF RED LODGE ZONING MAP

The City Council of Red Lodge, Montana, met at their regular meeting place in the Red Lodge City Hall, 1 South Platt, Red Lodge, Montana on January 23, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Title 7, Chapter 2, Part 48, MCA, authorizes the City to exclude real property from the

City of Red Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, a petition to exclude land dated November 22, 2023, has been filed with the City of Red Lodge by D & S Langlas LLC to exclude land from the city limits of the City of Red Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, a revised exclusion petition dated January 12, 2024, has been filed with the City of Red Lodge by D & S Langlas LLC to exclude land from the city limits of the City of Red Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Red Lodge has reviewed the Petition submitted by D & S Langlas LLC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the petition is (1) signed by not less than three-fourths in value of the territory to be excluded, (2) that the territory petitioned to be excluded is within the corporate limits and on the border of the corporate limits, (3) that the granting of the petition is in the best interest of the City and the inhabitants, and (4) the granting of the petition will not materially mar the symmetry of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby adopts a resolution of intent to exclude the properties as legally described below: The subject property is located north of Cole Drive and can be legally described as part of Red Lodge Country Club Estates, Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, RLCCE 4th Filing Lot 42A1, Block 9, COS 1448 RB, P.M.M., Carbon County Montana, with the request to exclude land involving 0.51-acres.

WHEREAS, D & S Langlas LLC must submit a Boundary Line Adjustment (COS/Subdivision Exemption) application to the City of Red Lodge for review and approval, prior to submitting a zoning map amendment; and,

WHEREAS, D & S Langlas LLC must submit an application to amend the City Zoning Map in accordance with Section 4.9.44 of the 2022 Red Lodge Zoning Regulations. The applicant is requesting that the property be removed from the Medium Density Residential (R-3) zoning district; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board will make a recommendation on the proposed zoning map amendment to the City Council, and the City Council will hold a hearing on the zoning map amendment and exclusion of land at a date yet to be determined.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, that the Council intends to exclude the property legally owned by D & S Langlas LLC as described above and in the attached Exhibit A and that a public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider public comments on the proposed annexation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, on the 23rd day of January 2024.

BY: _____
David Westwood, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Loni Hanson, City Clerk

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY- Public Health and Safety Committee Priorities-Alderman Conlee said their committee discussed police salaries and possibly looking at overtime wages coming out of Resort Tax. They also talked about code enforcement.

There was more discussion among Council members regarding Public Health and Safety Committee items.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- Administration and Finance Committee Priorities- Alderman Ronning said the Admin and Finance Committee discussed the local government review resolution and started working on that resolution that will come forward to the Council for approval.

There was more discussion among Council members regarding the local government review resolution.

Council Rules and Procedures- Alderman Ronning said the committee went over the current City Council Rules and Procedures and came up with a list of amendments that they would like to see changed. She said the full Council can also add to the list if they think something needs to be added or removed and this will eventually come back to Council for approval. Some of the amendments they talked about were standing committees and the Council President appointing those committees, working sessions, minutes of committee meetings, and voting remotely.

There was more discussion among Council members regarding changes in the City Council Rules and Procedures.

LAND USE AND PLANNING- Land Use and Planning Committee Priorities- Alderman Heaton said the Land Use and Planning committee discussed the MOU with the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary and the Airport Agreement and extending the deadline for disposition again.

Motion by Ronning, second by Heaton to authorize the Mayor to work with the Town of Bridger Mayor and the County Commissioners on the Airport Agreement. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

URD Priority Uses of Money- Alderman Heaton said the Planning Board approved a Conditional Use Permit for a coffee kiosk at the north end of town that has a drive thru. She said those owners have also applied for TIF District funds to pave that drive thru.

There was more discussion among Council members regarding the process for applying for TIF District money, the priorities for that money and guideline criteria for those applications.

Mayor Westwood said that the meeting was coming up to the 8:00 p.m. meeting end timeframe and that there needs to be a motion to carry on the discussions past 8:00.

Motion by Toupin, second by Ronning to extend the meeting past 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS- Public Works Committee Priorities-Alderman Keys said they discussed the Capital Improvement Projects that our former Public Works Director, Jim Bushnell, had given the committee.

There was more discussion among Council members on Public Works Committee projects going forward.

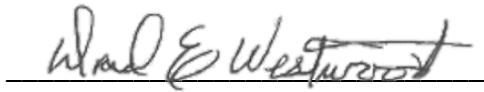
Mayor Westwood opened the meeting for any public comment.

Jenn Capp, Red Lodge, said she likes the new meeting format and had one comment regarding the CDBG grant, and asked if the City is collecting an admin fee for administrating the grant.

Angela Getchell, Red Lodge Area Community Foundation, said she appreciates the feedback and the City's support in their mission in coming together and making a difference.

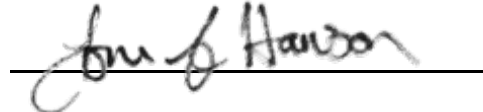
Daniel Webster, Red Lodge, said they are doing a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Hanson", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk

Disclaimer: These minutes conform to the requirements of MCA Code 2-3-212. A full recording of the meeting and discussion may be found at www.cityofredlodge.net/meetings.

