

January 9, 2024

The Red Lodge City Council met in regular session on January 9, 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

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023 Motion by Heaton, second by Ronning to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023 as presented. On roll call vote Aldermen Daniels, Heaton, Keys, Ronning and Toupin voted “Aye.” Alderman Conlee “Abstained.” Motion carried.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2023 Motion by Keys, second by Heaton to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 as presented. On roll call vote Aldermen Daniels, Heaton, Keys, Ronning and Toupin voted “Aye.” Alderman Conlee “Abstained.” Motion carried.

WARRANTS PAYABLE Motion by Keys, second by Ronning to approve warrants against the City totaling \$224,903.15 to be paid and warrants drawn on their respective funds. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Alderman Ronning said there are three claims included in this total that were paid in December for bond payments.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS- Mayor’s Comments- Mayor Westwood went over the new agenda layout and explained his reasoning for the changes.

Mayor Westwood said there will be a filming crew in Red Lodge on Saturday, January 13th. He said their insurance company needed the City’s blessing for them to film on the City sidewalks. Mayor Westwood asked the Council for their approval to allow him to give the filming crew the City’s blessing.

Motion by Ronning, second by Conlee to grant the Mayor to give approval to the filming crew. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Mayor Westwood said there will be a pancake breakfast at the Elks on January 13th at 8:00 a.m. He said the proceeds go to the Carbon County volunteer Fire Fighters.

Mayor Westwood said Dan Clark is hosting an online training for Council members at 6:00 p.m. on January 11th. Mayor Westwood said he will forward on to the Council the link to the training.

Re-Appointment of Red Lodge/Roberts Ambulance District Board Member Mayor Westwood said he would like to reappoint Kim Haman to the Red Lodge/Roberts Ambulance District Board. Motion by Conlee, second by Toupin to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of Kim Haman. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Re-Appointment of Red Lodge Cemetery District #8 Board Member Mayor Westwood said he would like to reappoint Jim Hilderman to the Red Lodge Cemetery District No. 8 Board. Motion by Conlee, second by Toupin to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jim Hilderman. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Appointment of Red Lodge Parks Board Member- Mayor Westwood told the Council he is deferring the appointment to the Parks Board until the next Council meeting, as he has not had time to reach out to the two individuals that have put in their letters of interest.

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.

There was discussion among Council members regarding the application including serving alcohol, signatures, and the application they filled out was an older version that allowed in-kind services, which is not an option anymore.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

Appoint Council President- Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning to take up the action to nominate and appoint a Council President. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Mayor Westwood opened nominations for Council President.

Motion by Keys, second by Conlee moving to nominate Alderman Ronning as Council President. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Appoint Planning Board Council Rep- Motion by Heaton, second by Ronning to take up the action to appoint a Council member representative to the Planning Board. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Mayor Westwood opened nominations for Planning Board Council Rep.

Motion by Daniels, second by Toupin moving to nominate Alderman Conlee as the Council rep to the Planning Board. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Alderman Ronning moved to close nominations for Planning Board Council Rep.

Appoint Library Board Council Rep- Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning to take up the action to appoint a Council member representative to the Library Board. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Mayor Westwood opened nominations for Library Board Council Rep.

Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning moving to nominate Alderman Daniels as the Council Rep to the Library Board. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Alderman Ronning moved to close nominations for Library Board Council Rep.

Appoint Red Lodge Rural Fire District Oversight Committee Council Rep- Motion by Ronning, second by Conlee to take up the action to appoint a Council member representative to the Red Lodge Rural Fire District Oversight Committee. With a show of hands, all Aldermen approved motion.

Mayor Westwood opened nominations for Red Lodge Rural Fire District Oversight Committee Council Rep.

Motion by Daniels, second by Ronning moving to nominate Alderman Heaton as the Council Rep to the Red Lodge Rural Fire District Oversight Committee. On roll call vote all Aldermen present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Alderman Heaton moved to close nominations for Rural Fire District Oversight Committee Council Rep.

RLACF Work Force Housing Presentation- JoAnn Eder and Brad Caden gave a presentation on the Red Lodge Community Foundation Work Force Housing project.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 6- Mayor Westwood suggested to Council to look at the City's Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 6 for any changes that may or may not need to be changed by ordinance. One example is changing the appointments of the standing committees be done by the Council President and not the Mayor.

City Council Rules and Procedures- Mayor Westwood also suggested to Council to look over the current City Council Rules and Procedures and bring forward any items within the document that may need to be update and/or changes.

There was discussion among Council members regarding the meetings and the City Council Rules and Procedures.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Council President assign the members of Council to the standing committees and have Mayor Westwood at the next Council meeting, appoint those members to said committees.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY- None.

LAND USE AND PLANNING- Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary MOU- Mayor Westwood was looking for direction from the Council regarding the contract/MOU with the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary and how to proceed forward with it.

Motion by Conlee, second by Ronning to direct the Mayor to work with the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary on the MOU. Mayor Westwood did not feel a vote was needed and will work with YWS and bring back to Council the updated MOU.

BR Walker, Executive Director of the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, said she provided the Mayor with the items that have been agreed upon and the ones that need to be worked out in the MOU and look forward to those discussions going forward.

Land Exclusion Petition, Langlas- Mayor Westwood said the City received a petition to exclude land from the City. He said included in the packets are the MCA codes that pertain to the process for the exclusion of land. Mayor Westwood went over the petition that was presented to the City and the process that the Council will need to follow going forward. He said the resolution of intent will come forward at the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS- Lead Service Lines Inventories- Mayor Westwood explained the letter that went out to all the City water users of Red Lodge regarding the water service line lead survey and that there would be an article in the newspaper this week with even more information regarding it.

Impact Fees- Mayor Westwood said the water and sewer impact fee structure needs to be looked at every five years and adjust as necessary. He said the last time they were would looked at was 2007. Mayor Westwood asked the Council to think about those and how they impact work force housing.

Alderman Ronning said she would have the Public Works Committee work on these.

There was more discussion among Council members regarding the impact fees.

CORRESPONDENCE- Any correspondence was included in Council packets.

Mayor Westwood said the new Public Works Director is scheduled to start on February 5, 2024.

Mayor Westwood said there was an offer letter sent to an applicant for the Planning Director position and as of yet, the City has not heard back from them. He said there is a possibility that position may have to be reposted.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS- Mayor Westwood asked each Council member what they would like to see the Council committees to work on in the next year.

There was more discussion among the Mayor and Council regarding their goals and expectations going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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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.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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February 1, 2024

Ref: Letter of Interest

This letter will serve as my notice applying to fill the vacancy of Ward one (1) Council Seat for the second year of the term (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024).

I ran for this council seat in November 2023, so I am familiar with this position and its responsibilities. To summarize; I have 30+ years in fiscal management as a Controller and my experience includes evaluation of operational as well as financial performance. My experience also includes providing Cash Flow and Working Capital requirements which are necessary to monitor the financial health of any entity. Especially a city like Red Lodge with assets approaching \$20 million in assets.

Having attended several council meetings one area of concern that I noticed is the budgeting process. As a council member I would be in a position to contribute to and improve the process, which is essential for the growth and future of Red Lodge.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert 'Doug' Miller
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 3639

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY/TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY/TOWN OF Red Lodge, MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council is the governing body of the Red Lodge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City/Town Council of Red Lodge hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of five members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

☐ FOR the review of the government of **Red Lodge** and the establishment and funding, not to exceed **\$25,000**, of a local government study commission consisting of **five** members to examine the government of **Red Lodge** and submit recommendations on the government.

☐ AGAINST the review of the government of **Red Lodge** and the establishment and funding, not to exceed **\$25,000** of a local government study commission consisting of **five** members to examine the government of **Red Lodge** and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the City/Town Council of the City/Town of _____,
Montana meeting at regular session held on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City/Town Clerk

NOTE: For an alternative format see the model resolution at Attachment 2.1, Section 2.303, p. 44, Montana Municipal Officials Handbook.

RESOLUTION NO. 3632 (3rd Amendment)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONDITIONALLY DELAY THE DISPOSITION OF ALL AIRPORT ASSETS

WHEREAS Carbon County has requested additional time to discuss a New Interlocal Agreement, and to discuss the finalization of disposition of Assets called for in the Airport Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS the City Council for the City of Red Lodge is willing to provide additional time to discuss a new Interlocal Agreement and to assist in the disposition of Assets; and

WHEREAS the City Council is in need of all information concerning the Assets of the Airport Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, as follows:

The disposition of Assets called for in the Interlocal Agreement by August 13, 2023, is hereby stayed until May 1, 2024, ~~February 15, 2024~~, with the current Airport Board continuing in authority to maintain the Airport in its current state.

PASSED and APPROVED by a majority of the City Council for the City of Red Lodge on this the 13th Day of February 2024, ~~20th day of December 2023~~.

City of Red Lodge

Mayor

ATTEST:

Loni Hanson, City Clerk



February 13th, 2024

To Red Lodge Mayor and City Council:

The Workforce Housing (WFH) Steering Committee (convened by the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation) looks forward to working with the Red Lodge City Council to identify opportunities to improve workforce housing conditions in the local area. Over the last three years, the WFH Steering Committee has helped develop 14 units of affordable workforce housing options in the Red Lodge area. Continuing a high level of success in a sustainable fashion requires sustained integration of efforts between the WFH Steering Committee, local government, partner non-profits, and private developers. The WFH Steering Committee respectfully offers the following affordable housing recommendations:

1. **Prioritize** resources to improve housing options within the Urban Renewal District. The November 16th, 2022, North Community Entrance Urban Renewal Plan (pg. 19) lists Goal #1 as "Increase Housing Units Near Downtown."
2. **Accumulate** a sufficient funding level within the TIF resource pool before beginning to disburse funding. If funding is disbursed for other non-housing projects, it will limit or delay the ability to undertake efforts aimed at increasing workforce housing units near downtown.
3. **Create** a structured scoring system to evaluate proposed projects within the Urban Renewal District, while giving appropriate weight to Goal #1 = Housing.

The combined impact of the recommendations listed above will allow the City of Red Lodge to take a measured, deliberate approach with development opportunities in the Urban Renewal District. Tonight, we request the Red Lodge City Council authorize RLACF to apply for a CDBG Planning Grant. This grant will fund a study focused on housing development opportunities using the Urban Renewal District Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as the foundational resource pool.

Sincerely,

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Resident Thoughts

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Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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Council/Mayor,

Here are some varying possible messages that may or may not be applicable to the council's and mayor's FAA desired communication(s).

Remembering these are one person's thoughts, (mine). And any of these ideas can be used in part, parcel, or not at all.

F.A.A.

Red Lodge is governed by the type of elected officials who are referred to as a 'Strong Council, Weak Mayor' form of governing. Each administration has a role in developing relationships, whether governmental, financial, community, safety, and others; in this case the FAA, (governmental). What is significant for us to convey in this letter is that the current council and mayor have their own constructive thoughts on how the Red Lodge Montana Airport can best serve the community. The term 'hobby-airport', is only one facet of the broader, more significant role. Other significant applications the Red Lodge Airport contributes, are designated acreage areas for a disaster staging platform. Our district and region is prone to severe weather related events, and unfortunately, disasters. The staging area is critical for emergency fixed and rotary emergency aircraft, along with their fuel supply vehicles, command and control vehicles, and the requirements of the personnel working those events. We believe that the government's first priority is the safety of its residents, and this specific area of the Red Lodge Montana Airport, does just that.

The term Hobby-Airport, should not be misconstrued as the airport's 'mission statement', as commercial opportunities will always be considered. Red Lodge Montana, in recent years, has seen significant growth, accompanied by national recognition of such. If that were to translate into commercial aviation opportunities, the city would look at those very carefully.

Our point is that the Red Lodge Montana Airport wishes to take the opportunity to explore all the various assistance available from the Federal Aviation Administration, in regard to compliance, consulting, suggestions, and financial opportunities; any and all of which may apply to an airport that can grow as the market allows.

Again folks, these are just some wording suggestions from one resident.

Pete C.

Resolution #3640

Authorization to Submit CDBG Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge in conjunction with the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation (RLACF) is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for financial assistance from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to prepare a Housing Study for eligible property within the Urban Renewal District for the City of Red Lodge as an Appendix to the Red Lodge Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge has the legal jurisdiction and authority to adopt a Housing Study for eligible property within the Urban Renewal District as part of the Red Lodge Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge and RLACF agrees to comply with all State laws and regulations and the requirements described in the CDBG Application and Administration Guidelines for Planning Grants specifically, and those that will be described in the CDBG Project Administration Manual generally; and

WHEREAS, within the City of Red Lodge, a lack of available housing has reached detrimental levels and is impeding economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge and RLACF seek to find solutions that will increase the supply of low-income housing and workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, the matching funding sources for the 1:1 grant for development of the Housing Study for eligible property within the Urban Renewal District would be donated by RLACF;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge Montana that the Mayor of the City of Red Lodge is authorized to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce on behalf of the City of Red Lodge, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council on the _____ day of February 2024.

FOR THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA:

City of Red Lodge

Attest:

By: _____

By: _____

David Westwood, Mayor

Loni Hanson, City Clerk