

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julian Theriault with the following members present:

1st Ward-----Mike Eby
George Kirkwood
2nd Ward-----Heith Stidham
Sara Driemeyer

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the last meetings. The Mayor said that he had one correction on the minutes that it is Ordinance #357 not #327. Susan Wordal had one change on the Memorandum of Understanding section's spelling, it is not "Memoriam of Understanding". George Kirkwood motioned to accept the regular minutes as amended and presented. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Public Discussion -The Mayor asked if there were any public discussion. Maggie Sizemore of Bozeman HRDC is currently doing a survey of an assessment of the needs of the area. So far areas that have come up are affordable housing, child care, and transportation. The Senior Center has helped many residents fill out the surveys, but would like more input in the community and will have an online survey available also. The focus group will meet in October and assess the area needs further.

Street Lights - Kelly Huffield said that in about six short weeks the committee has raised about \$90,000 of the \$125,000 for the street lights project, but are still short about \$35,000. Kelly Huffield said that they are in need of the 29th and 30th lights electrical, flag/banner holders, and the plaques. Kelly Huffield said that she will be applying for more grants. There will be more fund raising in September. The Mayor and City Council thanked Kelly Huffield.

Budget Finalized - The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the preliminary budget. The Mayor asked if there is a motion to accept the finalized budget as presented. Heith Stidham motioned to accept the finalized budget as presented. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Fire Department - MMIA - The Mayor asked Susan Wordal to explain the information that was found on the Firemen Relief Fund. Susan Wordal said that according to Otto Ohlson the City has a volunteer fire department and the department formed a relief association in about 1926. Otto Ohlson said that about 40 years ago the department was fully funded and paid for insurance, but about 20 years ago the fund began to dissipate and then at some point ceased to pay for the insurance benefit. Otto Ohlson said that the department had been notifying the City on the shortfall in the fund, but was told by someone that the City contributes only the 4 mills. Then the State pays 1.5 mills back to the City to fund the relief fund. Trustees elected by the association then are in charge of managing the fund. If the fund goes below 21% of the taxable value of property in the City, then the City is expected to levy funds to rebalance the fund. Otto Ohlson handed out a copy of the State of Montana Department of Administration

Annual Financial Report for the Fire Department Relief Association Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 and the current bank statement for the Fire Department Relief Association.

Memorandum of Understanding - The City Attorney is working the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding.


Resolutions and Ordinances - Susan Wordal is working on the Resolutions and Ordinances.

Mayor Comments- The Mayor said that it was brought up when the cutting of the ribbon should be for the new highway with the Department of Transportation. The Council thought it should be included in the Homecoming parade. The Mayor said that he has asked about the Tenderfoot and Susan Wordal said that she is needing a copy of the survey done and the bill of this survey. The Council approved the .25 raise for the full time non probationary City Employees. The City Council also approve an increase of wage raise of \$50.00 a month for the Mayor. It was asked about the snow removal on the walking path and who is responsible for the snow removal. It was suggested to see if the City Crew could see if the skid steer would be able to handle this work. The Mayor read the Park's report from May-September.

Public Work's Report- John Adams said that the Animal Control building is done and ready. John Adams will be taking classes on water distribution and will take the exam the last week of September. The last day on the patching of the streets will be tomorrow.

Pay the Bills - Mayor Julian Theriault asked the Council if there is a motion to pay the bills. George Kirkwood motioned to pay the bills as presented. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Driemeyer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Michelle Stidham - Clerk-Treasurer



Julian A. Theriault - Mayor