

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 2, 2018

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Nistler, Heitman, Schoenfelder, Carr, Karst, and Ozark. Those also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Amundson, Police Chief Barstad, DPW Kompel, and Street Foreman DeGreek. Sandy Carpenter, Terri Tucker, Leroy & Shirley Siefert, Leroy & Candy Lagerquist, Cindy Ramsbacher, Kelvin Morehouse, Matt & Emily Poole, Colleen Pankratz, and Monica Garten were also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: Mayor Erickson stated the comments for the Animal Rescue Shelter permit will be heard at the time of the decision for approving the permit.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for January 2, 2018 in the amount of \$130,168.28, the Valley Court Apartment Claims in the amount of \$5,371.732, and the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion approving the financial reports for November 2017. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing regarding the proposed applications to CDBG, Home Program, Housing Trust Fund, and Montana Board of Housing Low Income Tax Credit Program for the acquisition/rehabilitation of the Nemont Manor Retirement Residences. There was no public comment for or against. Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 2062** – A Resolution to Transfer City Property. Council member Schoenfelder moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2062**. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark; whereby **Resolution No. 2062** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 2064** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for a Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Dylan Guttenberg. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2064**. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst; whereby **Resolution No. 2063** was unanimously adopted.

Leroy Siefert said that Cindy's heart is in the right place, but the location of the animal shelter is not. Kelvin Morehouse was concerned because his wife owns a daycare next door and if the animals escape and are vicious or dangerous, it could cause issues. Shirley Siefert said that she had brought letters down to the office from her and Keith Myhre voicing their concerns on the increased traffic, odor that it may cause, and health concerns. Candy Lagerquist mentioned that even the city pound is located outside of the city limits. The shelter is supposed to be a non-profit and should not accept animals from outside the city limits and she assists with the Wolf Point Pound and the City Police Department should not have to deal with another nuisance. Monica Garten stated that she had lived next to Cindy and had spoke with Chief Barstad and Mayor Erickson about the problem. She feels what Cindy is offering is a great idea, just not within the City limits. Terry Tucker said she has a rescue dog, she moved here in June, and is all for a rescue shelter. Her concerns also were how it would affect property values, zoning, noise nuisance, feral cats, and updated vaccinations. Shirley said that she had talked with a realtor and the value of the property would not decrease due to a shelter, but the value of sale would be affected and the property could take longer to sell. Police Chief Barstad said that between 3/24/2016 to 3/24/2017 he had 8 complaints on Cindy's previous location, there had been two citations issued for public nuisance. Colleen Pankratz's concern was that most of her foster children have anxiety due to animals and having a shelter across the street could make that worse. Council member Ozark asked Cindy how

many animals she currently has; she answered 3 dogs and 3 puppies; Ozark then asked at most how many did she have; 3 dogs and 6 puppies; How often do they bark; she tries to limit the times they are outside, not before 7 am and not after 9 pm and then out at lunch. Mayor Erickson wanted to know why she had applied for a permit. Cindy decided to abide by the ordinance instead of just having the shelter. Council member Ozark wanted to know if she was boarding animals. Cindy explained that the animals she did board; gave a monetary donation to the Pet Rescue. Council member Karst stated that Cindy assisted with constructing the ordinance. Cindy mentioned that any animal that is taken in is vaccinated within 48 hours if possible. She also said that she sees and understands the concerns that were brought forward. More discussion ensued on the issue with dogs at large and the current leash laws. Police Chief Barstad mentioned nothing can be done unless there is a complaint called in to the department so it can be addressed. City did say that she will not take in Pitbulls and is constantly working on the noise problem. Council member Ozark then called for the question to deny the Animal Rescue Shelter to Cindy Ramsbacher of the Northeast Montana Pet Rescue. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler. Mayor Erickson then asked each council member their issues with the permit in question. The consensus was that it's a great idea, just not within the City limits. Mayor Erickson then called for a vote of the motion on the table. Council members Ozark, Schoenfelder, Heitman, and Nistler voted for the denial of the permit. Council member Karst voted against; motion carried.

Committee Appointments for 2018 have been assigned.

Old Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Kompel will report on this in his Department Head Report.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – City Clerk Amundson is waiting for quotes back from Lead Based Paint Inspectors and Brianna to return for Maternity Leave this month.

Committee Reports: There will be a personnel meeting on Thursday January 4, 2018 at noon. There were no reports for Water, Cemetery, or Ordinance. Chief Barstad mentioned Kathy has finished reporting for the MBCC drawdown for the Victim Witness Grant. City Clerk Amundson stated the Fire Department was not awarded the Firehouse Subs Grant.

Department Head Reports:

Street Foreman DeGreek told the council they will be clearing 7th Street North in the morning, and they have cleared 2nd Avenue South once so far.

Police Chief Barstad said that New Year's Eve was quite and if they are aware of when certain streets will be cleared of snow, they could do a 24 hour public service announcement.

DPW Kompel mentioned he has received an email from the Corps of Engineers and they will be giving him feedback on the Feasibility Study for the levee that had been submitted. After he receives the feedback a meeting will be set up to address their concerns. He had a call with Dan Semmens this afternoon on interim financing for the water project. A radio study will also be completed to make sure the city's SCADA system and Marco's system will work together for the updated pumping station.

Council member Karst mentioned the water pipes broke in the Women's Locker Room and the Recreation Department is getting a quote to replace the outdated furnaces within the building..

Mayor Erickson mentioned there will be a Local Government Services Bureau Council Training in Saco on January 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She told the council members to let City Clerk Amundson know who would like to attend.

Council member Ozark talked about the animal ordinance and how other members of the council didn't take into account having a shelter next door to them.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor