AMINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND GOTO MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Clerk/ Treasurer Lanter conducted roll call with council members, Long, Liggett, Erickson, Vivirito, Carlson, Toombs, McCleary, and Fisher present. Also, present was Director Sibley, and Attorney Brooks was present by video. Absent was Assistant Clerk Mann.

*MOVED BY VIVIRITO, SECONDED BY CARLSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2023 MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

*MOVED BY LIGGETT, SECONDED BY LONG TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Law Enforcement:** **Undersheriff Bednar-** Emailed end of year reports to all council members. They did five interviews for the 2 open positions. Two moved on for background checks.

**P*ublic comment.*** Joan Perrella is here for both her and John Perrella..

***Visitors:*** Mike Morgan with R.I.D.E would like to have the councils blessing to invite the Midwest Carnival back during the 4th of July events. They estimated 1,500 people going through the carnival. They would like it to be in the same location. Director Sibley has no issues with that.

Angela Mozqueda was here with the Musselshell County Prevention Office. She is asking if the council would like to hang tobacco free parks signs up. She informed the council a DEA agent will be doing a presentation at the high school February 1 to talk about drug trends happening. Mayor informed her the sign request will be sent to the Parks Committee for a recommendation.

**Mayor Jones:**

The MDT stakeholders meeting will be February 23 at 1pm at the ambulance barn. Two representatives from MDT will be present. She will attend a meeting in Helena and then Lewistown this coming week.

There will be a community coffee at the Back Porch January 26 from 5-7pm to get input on the Bair Collins Mine property. January 26 at 11am she will have a conference call with Craig Erickson, and Jerry Grebenc from Great West Engineering about the planning application that was denied by CDBG. Mayor asked Toombs to also sit in on the call.

**Attorney Brooks:**

KLE response letter will be going out tomorrow. He worked with the Mayor on the fireworks ordinance draft.

**Compliance**: Hoiland had no new permits. Floyd asked a floodplain question for a property once owned by Lekse. Bruce responded that the floodplain is contracted out with Vanessa with Great West. If any demo needs to be done there is a permit to acquire from the city.

**Report out from Council Committee Meetings:**

* **Wages & Salaries Committee-**the committee met to discuss upcoming wage increases. The COLA is 8.7%. The committee recommends going with the COLA of 8.7% minimum wage increase for Montana to $9.95. The junior guards will increase to the $9.95 and increase 10 cents for each returning year. There was discussion on observing Juneteenth as a holiday. Since its not recognized by the state yet we will not recognize it as a paid holiday. The day after Thanksgiving if the employees want to take off, they can use comp/vaca time. Closing the office will be up to the Mayor’s discretion.
* **Water Authority: Liggett-**Hiring a lobbyist. Phase 1 is on schedule. They will advertise for an operator and looking into the billing. Phase 2 will be bid mid-February. February 22 the Roundup Mesa subdivision will hold a meeting on the creation of a water district. Certified letters were sent to all the property owners. Ryegate is wanting back into the project and Hobson is also looking into it.
* **Stockman Bar property-** Fisher volunteered to auction the property at no cost if the council choses so. Fisher made the comment since Hershberger was already contacted let him do it. There was discussion on the online auction process.
* **Fireworks Ordinance discussion-** The council removed the section that says within 3 miles and keep it just in the city limits, and scratch the permit process. The stands are already inspected by the fire marshal. There will be more discussion on section 3. Joan Perrella made a comment about the shooting of fireworks in front of the Grand Bar on New Year’s. She says that is not a public display, so why are we restricting that area. Vivirito asked about the clean-up of debris and possibly adding a section. There was discussion that the littering ordinance already should cover that. Bednar suggested adding a timeframe to how long it should be before being cleaned up. Long would like the word permissive added to the firing off section.

Bruce made a comment that we have a license for chickens, but not for firing anything that explodes.

Clerk Treasurer Lanter mailed the Treasurer’s Report to the Council.

Director Sibley was told the tennis court fence is falling down due to the wind break that was installed. Sibley will fix the fence.

**Council Action Items:**

*MOVED BY LONG, TO RECONSIDER A MINIMUM BID.NO SECONDED. MOTION DIES.*

***No public comment.***

*MOVED BY FISHER, SECONDED BY LIGGETT TO COST SHARE 50/50 OF ALL CLOSING COSTS FOR THE SELL OF THE STOCKMAN BAR PROPERTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

***No Public Comment.***

*LONG COMMENTED THE TITLE INSURANCE IS INCLUDED IN THE CLOSING COSTS THAT WAS JUST MOVED ON. THE ACTION ITEM WILL BE REMOVED.*

***No Public Comment.***

*MOVED BY LONG TO DISCUSS ONLINE BIDDING. SECONDED BY FISHER.*

***Public Comment-*** Dale Rittierodt commented who will pay for the online costs. Long researched online costs are paid for by the buyer. She would like to hear from a company that does online bidding in a free consultation. Liggett commented he wouldn’t mind hearing options, but also doesn’t believe the value of the land would be worth it. Online auctions can open up to different audiences and the funds from the sale will go into the TIF District. Long would like to table the action item pending a consultation.

**Public Comment**-Troy Evans learned about online auctions. The lot is not worth the time. Proxy bid is a more simple process. You will have to move the auction offsite to a place that has internet. Bruce Hoiland commented the online process will delay the sell of the property.

*MOVED BY ERICKSON, SECONDED BY MCCLEARY TO NOT HOLD AN ONLINE AUCTION TOOMBS AND LONG ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. MOTION CARRIED.*

*MOVED BY CARLSON, SECONDED BY LIGGETT TO USE HERSHBERGER AS THE AUCTIONEER. LONG ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Claims were read as follows:**

Big Sky Linen $423.95 Grainger $267.22

Big Sky Fire $2,400.00 McCleary Distributing $5,226.97 Morrison-Maierle $187.50 Montana Rural Water $250.00

Northwestern Energy $13,902.50 Pitney Bowes $150.45

Utilities Underground $9.10

*MOVED BY TOOMBS, SECONDED BY VIVIRITO TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH AND DRAW WARRANTS ON THE TREASURY FOR THE SAME. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED*.

***No******Public Comment.***

M*OVED BY CARLSON SECONDED BY LIGGETT. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.*

*THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.*

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Sandra Jones- Mayor Tanya Lanter- Clerk Treasurer

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Cassandra Mann-Assistant Clerk