MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON APRIL 4th, 2017 AT 7:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Clerk/Treasurer Lanter called roll with council members Weitzeil, Schladweiler, Liggett, Picchioni, Griffith, Toombs, Yount, and Martin present. Also present Director Sibley, and Assistant Clerk Olsen.

Moved by Yount, seconded by Liggett to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Liggett, seconded by Yount to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 2017 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Visitor Bette Ross informed the council the Roundup Community Pride Days will be April 28th & 29th, 2017. She gave an oral report of the progress of the 2016 clean-up days. She would like to see the City Council members participate in the clean-up days. Dumpsters will be provided by the city.

Visitor Delores DesJarlais spoke about the B.U.D committee. The group formed in 1989 with the main focus to maintain and replace trees. They planted all the trees on Main Street. 30 new trees were planted last year in the park area and by the Community Stage. They thanked the council and the city for all the support with the trees.

Visitor Keith Salthe, as returning City Fire Chief, informed council they voted in Tracy Goffena as Assistant Fire Chief and Robert Mihalovich as County Fire Chief. He informed the council that fire truck 47, which is a back-up to a back-up truck, is in need of a new pump. The pump and repairs could cost around 20,000.00. The council suggested they try to sell the truck.

Mayor Jones talked to the council about possibly implementing a capitol surcharge to water customers. This will build revenue to help with the pipe replacement project. There will be further discussion. Mayor Jones spoke with the Health Department about issues with chickens. She was informed that there is a very low probability of chickens carrying any diseases. She also talked with Undersheriff Lesnik about possible issues involving chickens. The only concern the department has is possible civil calls.

Mayor Jones attended a Chamber of Commerce training meeting.

The City submitted a Coal Board application in the amount of $182,000, for the water replacement project. Mayor Jones and Councilman Picchioni attended the recent Coal Board meeting.

Water Authority will meet April 12, 2017 in Harlowton.

The steering committee met March 30, 2017 to review the request for proposals for the downtown master plan. They received six proposals. The committee recommends Land Solutions to prepare the plan. They specialize in rural communities, and are located in Charlo, MT.

The city has not received any correspondence from the County Commissioners regarding the interlocal agreement for law enforcement. The notification deadline is April 30, 2017.

Correspondence: A memo from MMIA stating preliminary rate increase for health insurance will be 3.9%.

Director Sibley reported the bank stabilization project is moving along as scheduled.

The patching machine is here.

The crew on the garbage truck is making a list of alleys that are in need of repairs.

The bid opening for the property at 1011 1st Street East will be during the April 18th Council meeting.

Council Action Items:

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Yount to approve the designated area permits for the Roundup Klein Picnic, R.I.D.E., and the Roundup Memorial Health Fair. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Liggett, seconded by Yount to move forward with the chicken ordinance draft and public comment.

There was discussion on the chicken topic. Councilman Liggett has heard lots of for and against comments about the chickens. He commented that he doesn’t feel that we just oppose it just because there may be people who are irresponsible. Another comment was that the city does not have an animal enforcement officer.

Russell Lang spoke to the council in favor of chickens. He stated that they provide healthy eggs, are not noisy, and they will eat the noxious weeds in your yard. Deb Shields and Erin Janoso passed out a petition with 33 signatures, with about 19 living in the city limits. They are willing to talk to other communities to find out how they deal with issues.

Jim Vivirito spoke against having chickens in town. He commented that chickens will bring predators into town and will create noise. He doesn’t see this as a benefit to the community, and the ordinance will not be enforced. He commented that some coops can create fire hazards with the heat lamps.

Mayor Jones commented that the sheriff’s department has their hands full with a high crime rate.

Clerk Lanter called a vote on whether to proceed with revision of the ordinance regarding chickens. Voting nay: Picchioni; voting aye: Martin, Yount, Toombs, Griffith, Weitzeil, Schladweiler, and Liggett. Motion carries.

Councilman Toombs commented there should be only one permit allowed per residence, because of the lot sizes being small. The ordinance will be revisited after two years. If it’s not working, the ordinance will be dissolved.

Moved by Toombs, seconded by Liggett to approve Land Solutions to prepare the Downtown Master Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Toombs, seconded by Schladweiler to approve the donated score boards to be installed at the baseball field. All I favor. Motion carried. Sibley will check on the cover for the boards.

CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH were read as follows:

City Payroll $41,905.35 Mastercard $971.28

City Council per Diem $375.00 Mid-Rivers $372.23

A & A Implement, Inc. $80.00 Musselshell County $27,860.00

AT & T $24.36 Musselshell Valley $642.70

Advantage Sport Supply $99.95 Normont Equipment $11,043.80

American Welding & Gas $26.38 Northwest Pipe Fitting $1,558.31

Big Sky Fire $118.33 Northwestern Energy $12,392.18

Big Sky Linen $266.46 O’Reilly Auto Parts $384.61

Big Sky Steel & Salvage $32.55 Picchioni’s IGA $34.53

Black Mountain Software $100.00 Pitney Bowes $42.94

City of Roundup $191.50 Red Rock Sporting $58.95

Don’s Welding $55.00 Roundup Hardware $355.59

DPC Industries, Inc. $348.76 Roundup Public Schools $4,000.00

Energy Laboratories, Inc. $414.00 Roundup Volunteer Fire $3,000.00

Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. $706.11 State Industrial Products $696.57

Great West Engineering $10,183.43 Terrell’s Office Machines $190.00

Hawkins $532.27 Universal Printing $447.26

IBS Incorporated $39.64 Utilities Underground $10.92

Jones, Sandra $224.10

Lundvall, Lance $550.00

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Toombs to approve the claims as read and draw warrants on the treasury for the same. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Toombs to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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APPROVED BY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tanya Lanter- Clerk Treasurer

 Sandra Jones- Mayor

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 Violet Olsen-Assistant Clerk