MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON May 8, 2018 AT 7:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Clerk/Treasurer Lanter conducted roll call with council members Liggett, Schladweiler, Perrella, Griffith III, Toombs and Fisher present. Also present were Director Sibley, Assistant Clerk Mann and Attorney Lundvall via phone. Picchioni and Weitzeil were absent.

*Moved by Griffith II, seconded by Toombs to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Toombs, seconded by Fisher to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Water Authority will meet Wednesday May 9, 2018.*

Visitors: Undersheriff Shawn Lesnik reported for Law Enforcement. Undersheriff Lesnik ran some numbers comparing calls for service which include ambulance and fire. 2015 there were 3,125 calls, 124 felonies and 336 misdemeanors. 2016 there were 3,358 calls, 139 felonies and 384 misdemeanors. 2017 there were 4,003 calls, 148 felonies and 368 misdemeanors, and as of May 8, 2018 there’s been 1,554 calls. In the past two years, there have been an average of 595 citations. Using savings from last year and cutting spending, the sheriff’s office was able to purchase a new vehicle and a used vehicle. Lesnik reports that the County is having some budget issues and he plans on approaching the City Council for help in the cost of hiring a new officer. Councilmember Toombs asked “what kind of dollars are you needing?” Lesnik thinks it’s around $80,000.00. A federal grant should pay for 75%. Lesnik would like to assign an officer to rove between Roundups schools for extra security.

Mayor Jones- The council will discuss the inter-local agreement for court services at next meeting after council receives a copy of the draft from Attorney Lance Lundvall.

Mayor Jones would like corrections to resolutions of Intent 1094 & 1095. # 3 on Resolution of Intent 1094 for water rate structure, change to base rate is only for usage charges. Resolution of Intent 1095 for Capital Surcharge fee, the word capital is misspelled.

Councilmember Schladweiler said the Public Hearing Notice was not in the Roundup Record and wanted to make sure that every water user was notified.

Attorney Lance Lundvall will finalize the inter-local agreement for court services.

Attorney Lundvall has been in communication with Floyd Fisher and Justin Russell of DES (Disaster Emergency Service) working on language for a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and county regarding city properties that are in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) mitigation.

Attorney Lundvall is working with Mayor Jones and Compliance Officer Hoiland with curb and gutter issue at 224 7th St West.

New Business: Close regular meeting at 7:20pm to open Public Hearing on Resolutions of Intent 1094 and 1095 water rate increase: Mayor Jones read results of the 2010 needs assessment survey and CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). Water Improvement was by far the priority residents wanted. 78% of residents agreed to see an increase in their bills to replace cast iron water mains. Mayor Jones gave a brief overview thus far for the water project. Received grants for Phase 1: 2012- 6,100 feet with $1.5 million improvements. Received grants and loans for Phase 2: 2014- 5,900 feet+ with $2.1 million improvements. Received grants & loans for Phase 3: 2016-10,100 feet with $1.9 million improvements. Received grants for Phase 4: 2018- 5,100 feet with $930,000 improvements. The water project will be 58% done after phase 4. Councilmember Schladweiler added that the $15.00 surcharge adds value to homeowner’s property due to the water pipe running through property.

Clerk/ Treasurer Lanter read letters the City received opposing the rate increase.

Public Comment: Dave Martin agreed with Schladweiler that the service line adds value to property. Mr. Martin wanted to know when loans for the water project would be paid off. Mayor Jones said he could come into the City Office and get a printout showing date when loans will be paid off. Mr. Martin feels the trailer parks and apartments in Roundup should have to pay the same as everyone else for each unit. Mayor Jones stated the EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) structure was not recommended by the Infrastructure Committee. He asked why we couldn’t add the surcharge to property taxes. Mayor Jones said since it’s a service fee it could not be added to taxes.

Shawn McCarroll- Asked if there will there be enough fire suppression on the new system. Councilmember Schladweiler said we don’t have a threat of flooding or a fire taking the new system out. Mr. McCarroll asked what will happen to the old system once the new system is in place. Director Sibley said the old pumps have to be removed, we will have 2 storage tanks. Mr. McCarroll asked if the city would consider employing a plumber due to one retiring soon. Mayor said that the council will keep that in mind. He wanted to know the definition of service connection in Resolutions of Intent. Director Sibley said it means a connection to a house whether it’s turned on or not.

Madeline Cooper- Wanted to know the current base rate the city is charging. Councilmember Schladweiler told her currently base rate is $33.02 up to 3000 gallons, $2.87 per thousand over 3000 gallons up to 5000 gallons and $1.10 over 5000 gallons. The new base rate would be $28.50 per connection and does not include water usage. The usage rate would be $2.70 per 1000 gallons. So almost a wash.

Marge Jorgenson- Was told by Plumber Keith Carter that she would have to pay a $38.00 turn on fee for water service. It was explained by Director Sibley that the City charges a fee for a meter to be turned on and that fee is $25.00.

Brian Wills- Asked if the $15.00 surcharge is strictly for water improvement and maintenance and how long will the $15.00 surcharge stay in place. Director Sibley said it really depends on grants the city receives. Councilmember Liggett said it also depends on if we get the new water. Mr. Wills stated that most residents are on a fixed income and the new rate would be difficult. Councilmember Schladweiler stated that when the new water is here, it will cost $30.00 to $35.00 more and residents of Roundup need to take responsibility and pay some too. Mr. Wills asked what method is being used to prioritize what lines get changed first. Director Sibley- The lines that have the most leaks will be done first. Director Sibley referred to the water main replacement progress map located in the City Office which explains what mains have been replaced and which ones haven’t been replaced. Undersheriff Lesnik asked when Main Street lines will be replaced. Director Sibley explained the process for applying for grants which need to be submitted two years in advance. We are looking at the year 2020 for Main Street.

Jim Vivirito- said it seems like the City is double dipping, charge for lines, loans, and interest. Aren’t we paying twice? Councilmember Schladweiler explained that the City is using money that was put into a Capital Improvement Account. This is a way to leverage these grants. Mr. Vivirito asked why the City couldn’t wait until 2019 when the bill passes. People can’t afford to live here.

Troy Evans- When the new water gets here, how long will $30.00-$35.00 be charged?

Mayor Jones adjourned the public hearing and at 7:56pm will continue the hearing at the May 22 council meeting. Mayor Jones resume regular meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Lanter reports she received two special event permit applications: American Youth Soccer Organization using the park May 12, 2018. Shakespeare in the Park using Main Ball Field and Concessions on July 19, 2018.

Public Comment: Gary Toombs inquired about the 8th grade possibility of using the pool. Director Sibley said it’s possible but will know as the time gets closer. Mr. Toombs asked if a lady on the staff at school who wrote a book needs a permit for selling the book. No she does not per Mayor Jones.

Director of Public Works Lon Sibley-open bids Thursday for Phase 4. Accepted bid from COP Construction for $848,755.

*Moved by Liggett, seconded by Griffith III accepting the bid for the water replacement project phase 4 by COP Construction. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Fisher, seconded by Toombs to move forward with upgrading the computer backup and security. All in favor. Councilmember Perrella motioned that it be tabled until she can meet with Councilmember Toombs to discuss other options, she thinks 3 years is too long to commit to a contract and might have a cost savings idea. Councilmember Toombs said he is comfortable using Morrison-Maierle Systems Corp. and feels that sonic wall is a better way to go and is cheaper with a 3 year contract. There was no second motion, the motion will die. Clerk/Treasurer Lanter called for a vote to move forward. Councilpersons voting Aye: Liggett, Schladweiler, Griffith II, Toombs and Fisher. Voting nay: Perrella. Absent were Picchioni and Weitzeil. Motion passes, Motion carried.*

CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL were read as follows:

City Payroll $43,642.35 MasterCard $655.49

Tanya Lanter $231.40 Mid-Rivers. $377.49

360 Office Solutions $109.20 Northwest Pipe Fittings $287.04

American Welding & Gas $29.40 Normont Equipment $472.20

AT & T $28.70 Northwestern Energy $13,090.71

Big Sky Linen Supply $199.49 O’Reilly Auto Parts $425.62

Big Sky Steel & Salvage $7.50 Picchioni IGA $68.72

DPC Industries Inc. $535.13 Progressive Community Club $50.00

Electric Service Shop $153.95 Roundup Hardware $625.53

Energy Laboratories $369.00 Roundup Record $451.00

Granger $109.88 Russell Industries Inc $2,762.36

Great West Engineering $12,414.75 Rutts/Aqua System $16.50

Heiman Fire Equipment $1,037.15 State Industrial Products $264.29

IBS Incorporated $103.03 Titan Machinery $530.94

Kirk Electric $207.40 Tractor & Equipment $229.75

Lundvall, Lance $550.00 Utilities Underground Cntr $23.66

McCleary Dist. Inc $1,679.60 Van Dykes $17.58

Yellowstone County News $340.65

*Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Griffith III to approve the Claims as read and draw warrants on the treasury for the same. All in favor. Motion carried*.

*Moved by Liggett, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

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Sandra Jones- Mayor Tanya Lanter- Clerk Treasurer

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Cassandra Mann-Assistant Clerk