

**BELGRADE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 3, 2014
7:00 PM**

Mayor Russell C. Nelson called the meeting to order. Mayor and Council Members present: Brad Cooper, Anne Koentopp, Ken Smith, Mayor Russell C. Nelson, Kristine Menicucci, Mark Criner, and John Youngberg. Others in attendance were: City Manager Ted Barkley, City Attorney Rick Ramler, Police Chief E.J. Clark, Finance Director Phyllis Wernikowski, Susan Caldwell and Christie Lewis

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Menicucci motioned to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Council Meeting.

Council Member Criner seconded the motion.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

Christie Lewis of 914 Paisley Drive Belgrade, MT 59714 spoke to the Council. Ms. Lewis inquired about the process of acquiring a second exotic animal license. Police Chief Clark explained the process of obtaining an exotic animal license. The Council conferred. Police Chief Clark stated that a stipulation of the license should be that the animals are not for breeding.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

REPORTS

Mayor Nelson proclaimed April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in the City of Belgrade.

Mayor Nelson and Council presented Police Chief E.J. Clark Jr. a plaque to acknowledge their appreciation of his service to the City as Interim City Manager from January 24, 2013 to February 12, 2014.

City Attorney Ramler reported he has been working on amendments to the animal control ordinance with Officer Keen and Officer Lehman.

City Manager Barkley reported that proposals for a traffic impact fee analysis and recodification of the medical marijuana ordinance would be on the March 17th, 2014 Agenda. He also indicated he had been working on:

- Changes to the Belgrade City Code.
- Completing the transfer of severed water rights.
- Institution of regular weekly staff meetings.
- Changing the format of the minutes.
- A proposal for changes to the Agenda format and Council Rules of Procedure.
- Followed up with Sherwin Leep regarding the Hoffman-Weaver ditch cleaning.
- Met with the Library Board of Trustees.
- Meeting with members of the Sonoran Institute.
- Becoming a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation.
- Personnel Rules and Regulations with Finance Director Wernikowski.
- The strategic planning process for the school district with their board, faculty, and staff.

City Manager Barkley stated that the first review of applications for the administrative secretary position is scheduled for March 6, 2014. Sue Caldwell will be covering some of the duties in the interim until the position is filled.

At the last Council Meeting, the Council indicated an interest in accepting proposals for banking services. In 1983, a law was adopted by Belgrade City Council to bank only with Valley Bank of Belgrade.

The Council was in consensus to draft an ordinance that would allow the City to accept competitive banking proposals.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

There were no items for the discussion agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve February Payroll 2014

Council Member Youngberg motioned to approve the February Payroll 2014

Council Member Cooper seconded the motion

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Council Member Youngberg had no new information to report.

Council Member Criner had no new information to report.

Council Member Menicucci thanked the public work crews for their work on getting the snow moved so the streets are open.

Council Member Smith thanked Police Chief Clark for asking him to run for City Council. He also reported that he was involved in the interview process for the new Fire Marshall.

Council Member Koentopp had no new information to report.

Council Member Cooper stated there are people in the Gallatin Valley who are interested in selling water rights to the City. He asked if there is a limit to where you sell water rights, how far out could you go.

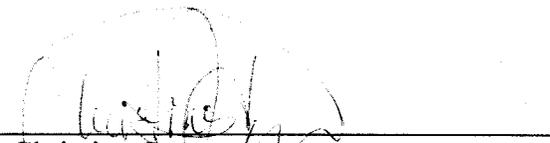
City Manager Barkley stated that he and City Attorney Ramler would schedule a meeting with Mr. Bean to discuss his proposal to sell water rights to the City.

ADJOURN

Council Member Criner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM



Russell C. Nelson, Mayor



Christina Crow,
Administrative Secretary