

BELGRADE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 19, 2014
7:00 PM

Mayor Russell C. Nelson called the meeting to order. Mayor and Council Members in attendance were: Russell C. Nelson, Brad Cooper, Anne Koentopp, Ken Smith, Kristine Menicucci, Mark Criner, John Youngberg. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Rick Ramler, City Manager Ted Barkley, Jennifer Koch, Art Castricone, Ron Lindroth, Mark Maierle and Michael Tucker.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE May 5, 2014 MEETING

Council Member Youngberg moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting. Council Member Criner seconded the motion

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Nelson called three times for public comment. There being none, public forum was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2014-2 Amending Belgrade City Code Section 1-5-4 to authorize the City Council of the City of Belgrade to designate from time to time one or more depository of funds of the City by resolution of the City Council

City Manager Barkley reviewed the proposed Ordinance which would allow more flexibility in seeking proposals for banking services.

Mayor Nelson called three times for public comment. There being none, public comment was closed.

Following Public Hearing, Council Member Cooper moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-2 upon second reading Amending Belgrade City Code Section 1-5-4 to authorize the City Council of the City of Belgrade to designate from time to time one or more depository of funds of the City by Resolution of the City Council. Council Member Menicucci seconded the motion.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Nelson had nothing to report.

City Attorney Ramler had nothing to report.

City Manager Barkley noted the presence of Fire Chief Ron Lindroth of the Central Valley Fire Department along with newly hired Fire Marshall, Art Castricone. Barkley invited them forward for introduction. Castricone answered various questions from Council regarding current issues and working toward adoption of new Fire Codes.

Reported intent to schedule follow-up meetings with each council member for one-on-one discussions.

Reported that the Belgrade Youth Sports Complex (BYSC) Committee was moving forward in terms of organization and appointees. New members were in process of being appointed to the Committee. Meetings would continue, along with development of a process for public involvement and handling decisions that will lead to a master plan to adopt.

Reported on plans to bring Amended FY13-14 Budget before Council at the June 2, 2014 meeting, taking into account actions of Council during the Fiscal Year that were not included in the original budget.

Indicated planned discussion with Council regarding underlying issues and priorities for the FY14-15 Budget either at Council Meeting on June 16th or July 7th, depending on availability of information on mil levy.

Reported that the Inter-local Agreement with Central Valley Fire District was ready for the Council to consider, however, information from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority is still needed regarding workman's compensation insurance. Barkley indicated this information was needed to be in place before final consideration by Council.

Reported progress in recruiting for Accounting Clerk position, with interviews scheduled for this Friday and next Tuesday.

Indicated the refinance of the City's water and sewer debt was completed and closed last week so new lower interest rates were now in effect.

Reported that the City was negotiating a contract with Ed Nordby of Western Building Insight to provide inspection services on and on-call basis.

Shared images of proposed signs for the new tennis courts and that as a partner in this project, the Council would be seeing future proposed designs. Barkley also indicated the cost of signs would be paid out of the project funds, not paid for by the City.

Reported on the Spring Cleanup efforts, and indicated very few callbacks per Staff. Barkley attributed the success to timely notice on utility bills, also postings on the City Website and several public places.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

CONSIDER Reappointment of William Dreyer to the Board of Adjustment

Council Member Koentopp moved to reappoint William Dreyer to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term through 2017. Council Member Cooper seconded the motion.

Mayor Nelson called for public comment, there being none, public comment was closed.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER an Attorney-Client Fee Agreement between the City of Belgrade and the law firm of Franz & Driscoll, PLLP, for legal and consulting services related to the acquisition and development of future water supplies for the City of Belgrade.

City Manager Barkley reviewed the proposed agreement for Council and noted the needs of the City in acquiring water rights as well as management and conservation. Barkley also commented on various examples of incentive programs.

Council Member Youngberg moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Agreement between the City of Belgrade and the law firm of Franz & Driscoll, PLLP, for legal and consulting services related to the acquisition and development of future water supplies for the City of Belgrade. Council Member Criner seconded the motion.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS Proposal from Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) to close the intersection of Gallatin Field Road with Frontage Road (S-205) after the completion of the intersection of Frontage Road with Airway Boulevard

City Manager Barkley reviewed the meeting held last Monday with MDOT. This closure was being announced for the first time to those attendees. Barkley noted the subsequent meeting he had with Belgrade Chamber Director and Airport Director who also expressed concern over this proposal. Barkley indicated that Morrison Maeirle was responding to MDOT's proposal. The consensus with the Airport was to wait until the MDOT had the opportunity to respond to the specific concerns brought up. Engineer Mark Maeirle indicated that MDOT had not given a response yet. A written response would be coming. Barkley noted draft letters that were being prepared by those entities most affected by the proposal, but none had been sent due to waiting for MDOT's response. MDOT initially cited safety concerns as the reasoning behind the proposal to close the intersection in question.

Barkley requested that the Council authorize the Belgrade Mayor and City Manager to represent the position of the City in this matter.

Council Member Youngberg moved to authorize Mayor Nelson and City Manager Barkley to represent the City's interests in discussions with MDOT on the intersection of Gallatin Road and Highway 10 Frontage Road. Council Member Menicucci seconded the motion.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items to consider under Consent Agenda

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Council Member Cooper was pleased with the apparent progress in patching potholes around town.

Council Member Koentopp reported attending the Fire Board Meeting last week. She noted the Chairman was reinstated and a new member was sworn in and she was glad to see the new Fire Marshall at the Council meeting tonight. Koentopp indicated that she would not be able to attend the upcoming special meeting for consideration of the Fire Department Preliminary Budget. Council Member Menicucci indicated she would attend that meeting in her place.

Council Member Smith had nothing to report.

Council Member Menicucci commented that she was pleased with the progress on the new Library sign and landscaping. Many volunteers continue to put in their efforts. Menicucci also indicated the need for more Library Board members with a term of 5 years.

Council Member Criner had nothing to report.

Council Member Youngberg indicated the need for Park Board members to achieve quorum so business could be conducted. Term length was noted as 2 years.

City Manager Barkley indicated that advertising would be placed for Board Openings to fill the need for Park Board members, Library Board members, Youth Sports Committee members and Solid Waste Committee members as well. He also mentioned the specific need for a Tree Board to meet our Tree City USA requirements.

Mayor Nelson indicated his thanks to City staff for cleaning and removing the ditch debris that had been left on the right-of-way near the railroad tracks behind Ressler.

ADJOURN

Council Member Criner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.



Russell C. Nelson, Mayor



Susan Caldwell,
Administrative Secretary