

BELGRADE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 20, 2015
7:00 PM

Mayor Russell Nelson called the meeting to order. Council Members in attendance were: Anne Koentopp, Ken Smith, Kristine Menicucci, Mark Criner and John Youngberg. Others in attendance were: Acting City Manager E.J. Clark Jr., City Attorney Rick Ramler, Fire Chief Ron Lindroth, Michael Tucker, 8 members of Boy Scout Troop 636, Jennifer Kolling, Carla Schmidt, Daniel Koltz, Maryanne Sigmund, Mitch Kayser, John Boanle, Mickey Survoy and Mike Koosman.

Council Member Youngberg moved to excuse Council Member Cooper. Council Member Criner seconded the motion.

All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE April 7, 2015 MEETING

Council Member Menicucci moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Nelson called for public comment 3 times. There being none, the public forum was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

No items for public hearing

REPORTS

Mayor Nelson had nothing to report.

City Attorney Ramler had nothing to report.

Acting City Manager Clark reminded the Council about the upcoming municipal training opportunity scheduled for May 6th through 8th to take place in Billings. Clark reported that City Manager Barkley is still out of the office, scheduled to return on Monday, April 27th. Staff was continuing to work on the sidewalks project in connection with the CTEP grant. Also, a meeting was scheduled to discuss street paving and seal coating with Montana Department of Transportation on Tuesday this week. Clark reported that Public Works Director Klotz is finalizing the dates for Belgrade's annual Spring cleanup day, tentatively on the 12th and 13th of May. When the dates are confirmed, the information will be printed on the monthly water bill cards and an advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper.

Council Member Menicucci inquired about property along the interstate and who would be responsible for it being cleaned up, perhaps giving it attention during our cleanup efforts. Clark

commented on whose jurisdiction it falls under. He also discussed other areas needing attention such as some of the walking paths.

Council Member Smith asked about updates on the interchange project. Clark reported the project seemed to be moving ahead on schedule with progress being made under the underpass and the roundabouts. Viewed from the South side of Alaska there is a good view of the progress. The goal still includes the month of June for completion. Clark reported that traffic concerns will be addressed when the flow volume is established.

Central Valley Fire Chief Lindroth reviewed continued efforts to keep good communications open between the City and the Fire Department. Lindroth reviewed the highlights of the 2014 Annual Report with a copy provided to each Council Member. It was noted that the new Fire Marshall had now completed one year of employment with the department and many programs were being successfully implemented. Only one source of debt remains for the Fire Department, but beyond that the department is operating in the black and being able to put funds into reserves to put toward building a new Administrative Fire Station, tentatively planned near the airport. This location would give quick access in 3 different directions. Building a Dry Creek Station is in the plan as well to cover that portion of the valley. An Open house for Springhill Station will happen at the next Fire Board Meeting for those who want to attend and see the renovation progress. Lindroth also reviewed needs in regard to extrication equipment from vehicles. The Fire Department is at full staff levels at this time and several will be sent to the 12 week training course. As population increases, Lindroth expects the call volume to increase. 2017 or 2018 is the goal to build the new Fire Headquarters, but in the meantime, painting will be done to spruce up the current location.

Mayor Nelson inquired about plans for the property on Main Street after the Fire Station is built elsewhere. Lindroth responded that no official discussion has occurred, but he and City Manager Barkley will be talking about it since the property ownership is shared equally between the Fire Department and the City of Belgrade.

Mayor Nelson asked about the use of the ladder truck. Chief Lindroth confirmed it has been used in training, and used to provide access to high roof areas, but it has not been used for fighting any actual fires yet.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

CONSIDER Board Appointment

Mayor Nelson reviewed and recommended Bryan Connelley for reappointment to the Belgrade Board of Adjustment.

ACTION: Council Member Menicucci moved to approve reappointment of Bryan Connelley to the Belgrade Board of Adjustment for a three (3) year term which will expire on April 30, 2018. Council Member Youngberg seconded the motion.

4 Council Members voted aye: Koentopp, Smith, Menicucci and Youngberg

1 Council Member voted nay: Criner

Motion carried 4 to 1

CONSENT AGENDA

Warrants Payable for March 2015

ACTION: Council Member Youngberg moved to approve Warrants Payable for March 2015. Council Member Koentopp seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

Pledged Securities for Quarter Ending March 31, 2015

ACTION: Council Member Youngberg moved to approve Pledged Securities for quarter ending March 31, 2015. Council Member Criner seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Council Member Koentopp had nothing to report.

Council Member Smith had nothing to report.

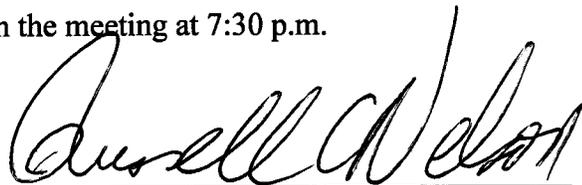
Council Member Menicucci invited all to go to the Library and view the Children's painted mural recently completed. She also encouraged attendance of various musical presentations that have been taking place at the Library which are open to the public and very enjoyable.

Council Member Criner had nothing to report.

Council Member Youngberg had nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Council Member Criner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Russell C. Nelson, Mayor



Susan Caldwell,
Administrative Assistant to the City Manager