

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CONRAD, COUNTY OF PONDERA, STATE
OF MONTANA, HELD AT CONRAD CITY HALL
ON JANUARY 3, 2022

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at the Conrad City Hall on January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Miller, Aldermen Cates, Hunsucker, Breeding, and Schoenrock; PWD Zimbelman; and Finance Officer Ritter

Guests present: Daryll Burditt, Deakin family

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Hunsucker to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022, regular meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Claims #26915 through #26937 (refer to the claims register).

Motion by Alderman Hunsucker, second by Alderman Schoenrock to approve claims as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Water contracts: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Public Works Director (PWD) Zimbelman presented the December 2022 report. There was a water leak on 4th Avenue and Minnesota Street caused by an old repair clamp that had failed. Calls were received about murky water at resident's homes. The murky water was caused from an influx of water coming into town and stirred up sediment in the water pipes. There is no harm to health or safety as the water is still properly cleaned and disinfected before entering the water distribution system. The department has continued sanding the streets as needed. PWD Zimbelman encourages drivers to slow down due to the thawing and freezing of ice on the streets. PWD Zimbelman reached out to Roger Skogen of Montana Rural Water Systems and Skogen should be finished running the numbers for the water/sewer/garbage increases by the end of the week. There have been pumping and electrical issues at the East Side Lift Station. Rehabilitation of the East Side Lift Station goes to bid in January 2023. The department will be replacing light bulbs on Main Street later this week. After the supply of light bulbs is used up, we would like to upgrade the lights to LED. Research will be done for any street lighting grant opportunities. Mayor Miller suggested asking Port Authority about participating in the Main Street Grant Program. PWD Zimbelman spoke with Brad Koon of Triangle Engineering about the design of the Lift Station Project.

The Braden Deakin (parents in attendance) presented with the renewal of the Corg-Cup Slushies Agreement for the summer of 2023. He requested to add the \$10/week cost of electricity to the agreement. Also, would like to change the name on the agreement to Corg-Cup Slushies, LLC. The 2023 agreement schedule was discussed with Council and proposed to begin June 1, 2023-August 31, 2023. Mayor Miller reminded Corg-Cup Slushies there may be dates where the City may require them to move, such as during the State Swim Meet and/or National Night Out. It was suggested for Corg-Cup Slushies to reach out to Swim Team and the Chamber directly for collaboration.

Motion by Alderman Hunsucker, second by Alderman Cates to renew the Corg-Cup Slushies, LLC Agreement from June 1, 2023-August 31, 2023, with the addition of the language of \$10/week for electric usage.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Finance Officer Ritter presented with a 2023 calendar for the Council Meeting schedule. The following Council Meetings will be changed: July 4, 2023, and July 18, 2023, will be cancelled and July 11, 2023 will be the July 2023 meeting.

Motion by Alderman Hunsucker, second by Alderman Schoenrock to approve cancelling the July 4, 2023, and July 18, 2023, meetings and to change the meeting to July 11, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The submissions for the logo contest were reviewed and Council likes all the submissions and artists were complimented and each submission was appreciated; the great options made the decision challenging. Designs were mostly presented anonymous to Council, unless the designer identified themselves on the submission. The designer on the chosen logo was not disclosed to Council until after Council voted on their choice. The logo chosen was submitted by Kurt Miller.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Hunsucker on logo design choice, with all rights reserved by the City of Conrad.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mayor Miller presented with the City/County Growth Policy Cost Sharing Agreement from City Attorney Jones. The Commissioners requested to have the balance shared as not defined in the agreement. Mayor Miller would rather a revised agreement if costs change rather than no awareness of the amount it could cost the City.

Motion by Alderman Hunsucker, second by Alderman Schoenrock to table the Growth Policy Cost Sharing Agreement to define the budget amount and follow up from City Attorney Jones.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mayor Miller presented the review of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees. There are two vacancies on the City Planning Board, one of which will be nominated from the County. In addition, the Zoning Board has two vacancies. Discussion was had on potential candidates for different boards. Mayor Miller will need a vote for the appointment of Mary Klette to the Industrial Park Committee.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Hunsucker to approve the Boards, Commissions, and Committees as presented with the addition of Mary Klette to the Industrial Park Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Other business: Update on the water/sewer/garbage rate increase and an update on Library exterior doors.

Discussion was had on whether the rate increases will be done all at once or one item at a time. A garbage increase has been added due to the increased cost of garbage from NMJRDD.

The Library will have the front doors replaced which will be paid from the Library Depreciation Fund. Parts for the doors are unavailable and it was suggested to hold off until the engineering report is completed.

Items to appear on next agenda: BSV Reserve Fund Surplus Letter, City/County Cost Sharing Agreement, and Codification.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion by Alderman Schoenrock, second by Alderman Cates to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Motion Carried Unanimously

Mayor *Jamie Miller*

Attest:

Heather Ritter

Finance Officer