

**CITY OF BOULDER
P.O. BOX 68
BOULDER, MONTANA 59632
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, December 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Giulio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Elected officials present: Russell Giulio, Drew Dawson, Patricia Lewis (by Zoom), Gyle Nix, and Mike Taylor

Others participating: Megan McCauley (*City Clerk*), Jack Trethewey (*Ambulance Director*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the 11/20/2023 Council Meeting – Dawson moved, Taylor seconded, carried with 4 aye votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dawson made a motion to approve the agenda, Taylor seconded, carried with 4 aye votes.

REQUESTS OF ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS FOR ABSENCES EXCEEDING 10 DAYS OR PARTICIPATION BY TELECOMMUNICATION:

COMMUNICATION FOR PUBLIC RECORD (Ex parte): None.

CONSTITUENT ISSUES-REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Mayor Report – None.
- Ambulance Report - Received.
- Fire Report – Received.
- Public Works Report – Wortman was not in attendance
- City Court Report – Received.
- City Attorney Report – Received.
- Finance/Investment Report – None.
- Community Improvement Coordinator Report – None. Was not present
- Reports from Clerk
 - Cash/Bank Reconciliation, November 2023
 - Statement of Revenue Budget vs Actual, November 2023
 - Statement of Expenditure Budget vs Actual, November 2023
 - Utility Billing Adjustments for November 2023
 - Ambulance Write-offs & collections for November 2023

Dawson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried with 4 aye votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Planning Board:** LaDana Hintz reported the Planning Board 12/5/23, talked about the CDBG grant that was received. January 8, they are going to look over the request for proposal draft that the Clerk is working on.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Lewis reported there was a membership drive and January meeting coming up
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** New business #1
- **Finance/Investment Committee:** Taylor is reviewing information from the City Attorney regarding what the committee can legally do.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fee Schedule – discussing and determining Ambulance fees. A draft created by Jack Trethewey and Rose Perna was presented to Council. Jack stated that much is the same and some things that were not applicable were removed, some costs have gone up considering prices have gone up.
Dawson moved to approve the fee schedule as presented, Taylor seconded. The motion carried with 4 aye votes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Columbarium rules and regulations – Lewis reported that this was presented to City staff and it is ready for Council to review. It is ready for approval or comment from Council. Dawson moved to approve the documents presented by the Cemetery Committee, Taylor seconded. The motion passed with 4 aye votes.
2. HB 355 Priority List – Dawson moved to adopt the list of priorities, Nix seconded. The motion passed with 4 aye votes.
3. Resolution 2023-15 – grants the Planning Board Tree Ordinance Authority.
Graff spoke about the Planning Board wanting to alleviate some of the pressure from trees and the City, addressing problem trees and helping work with the community.
Dawson suggested making changes to the resolution consistent with “recommending rules” and “recommending fees” to the City Council.
Rux mentioned that the Ordinance already exists, there’s just not been volunteers for the board, the Planning Board volunteered to take over that role.
LaDana gave a document of previous Tree Board (2019) addressing rules and regulations that she suggests be updated as well.
This will be readdressed in January.
4. MDT Speed Study – Taylor suggests contacting the Commissioners and asking them about the process
Mechele Anderson – wants a recorded speed screen so that people can see how fast they are going
Kathy Rux – the 15 mph signs around the park have cut down the speed around the park and she thanked the Council for doing that
5. Approval of City record destruction request – Dawson moved for approval of record destruction request. Nix seconded. Motion passed with 4 aye votes.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Camden – AmeriCore Vista – trying to revive East Side Park by the Forest Garden, so any ideas/advise would be appreciated

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS: The bills were presented for payment authorization using checks #17434-17477 in the amount of \$35,906.18, and ACH payments #99754-99759 the amount of \$20,801.38 for a total of \$56,707.56. Taylor made a motion to approve the bills and payments as presented. Nix seconded the motion and the motion carried with 4 aye votes.

COUNCIL AGENDA SUGGESTIONS TO THE MAYOR FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

DATE: 1-16-24

Russell Phillips
Mayor



Attest: Megan McCaulley
City Clerk