

**CITY OF BOULDER
P.O. BOX 68
BOULDER, MONTANA 59632
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, October 16, 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, Gyle Nix, and Mike Taylor (by Zoom.)

Others participating: Megan McCauley (*City Clerk*), Jack Trethewey (*ambulance director*), Dennis Wortman (*Public Works Director*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the 9/18/2023 Council Meeting – Lewis moved, Dawson seconded, carried with 4 aye votes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dawson made a motion to approve the agenda, Lewis 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 present
- 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, September 2023
 - Statement of Revenue Budget vs Actual, September 2023
 - Statement of Expenditure Budget vs Actual, September 2023
 - Utility Billing Adjustments for September 2023
 - Ambulance Write-offs & collections for September 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 stated the Board did not meet in October. The Commissioners are going to be holding a leadership training on Nov 8 and she would like the Planning Board and anyone else in the City interested in going. It is free and MSU is presenting
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Lewis reported they are working on the Holiday Bizarre for Nov 18
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Lewis reported they are meeting at 5 p.m. tomorrow to go over proposed rules for the columbarium
- **Finance/Investment Committee:** Taylor reported no new update

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fee Schedule – discussing and determining Dog Licenses Fees. Lewis motioned to approve the animal fees as presented, Nix seconded. Carried with 4 aye votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Morrison-Maierle – Elly Schmeltzer went over the standard agreement and the scope and fees. This is their services to cover the cost and design, implementation of the new well. All fees were broken out. It was brought before the Council to look over and see if it was fair so they can move forward with the next steps. This is all covered under the ARPA funding. John Nash would be the subcontractor.
 - Dawson moved to enter into the agreement with Morrison-Maierle, Taylor seconded. The motion carried with 4 aye votes.
2. General Election for City Council Members will not be held. Resolution #2023-13
 - Dawson moved to adopt Resolution #2023-13, Nix seconded. The motion carried with 4 aye votes.
3. Tree Advisory Board being part of Planning Board Duties.
 - Dawson moved, Taylor seconded. The motion carried with 4 aye votes.
4. Writing new or updating existing Tree Ordinance
 - Tabled until next meeting
5. Deferred Compensation Plan for City Employees. Resolution #2023-14.
 - Lewis moved to accept the plan, Taylor seconded. Motion carried with 4 aye votes
6. Sheridan Street
 - Dennis reported that the cost would be about \$150/hour, 3 operators, 3 machines, yards and material will be a couple grand. He believes it will cost the city around \$15,000 to move that road
 - Lewis asked what time of year would be best, Giulio reported the window is probably missed because the weather is getting cold
 - Dawson moved that they move Sheridan Street off of Betty DeMers property, Lewis seconded.
 - Cheryl Haasaker asked about 2nd Street and if it would be more feasible to do it at the same time, Giulio reported that if it can be budgeted, we may do that.
 - The motion carried with 4 aye votes
 - Dawson suggested getting a cost estimate for 2nd Street, Taylor reported that they are working on it. Giulio said we can discuss it at a later time
 - Betty DeMers asked about the phone company line being moved to the right-of-way. She's going to have them contact the City.
7. Childcare Recommendations for Southwest Montana Youth Partners, Inc.

- Tim Norbec, VP of SMYP, reported that as a Superintendent of Schools, he had a hard time getting childcare for his employees. And affordable childcare is harder to find. They had an RFP with an original provider, but it did not work out. SMYP would like to move forward to Nature Story Montessori. They have a working daycare in Boulder and have made relationships with people within the community. SMYP is requesting that the City of Boulder to approve the Nature Story Montessori taking over the childcare facility.
 - Jessica Shaddock, the owner of Nature Story Montessori, reported that she is excited to make the move
 - Hessford brought contractual documents for the Clerk to file with the
 - Taylor made a motion for approval of Nature Story Montessori pending the matters being approved. Nix seconded, passed with 3 aye votes as Dawson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest
8. Approval of City record destruction request – Taylor moved for approval of record destruction request. Lewis seconded. Motion passed with 4 aye votes.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Taylor brought up having a discussion about City Christmas festivities. He talked with the Clerk and others around town about having a Christmas Parade before the lighting festivities. The parade would go down Main Street and end at the Lighting Ceremony.

Taylor and McCauley will start promoting it once a date has been set. Parade at 6, Lighting Ceremony at 6:30

Will put a date approval on the next agenda

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS: The bills were presented for payment authorization using checks #17348-17386 in the amount of \$227,759.91, and ACH payments #99768-99776 the amount of \$15,838.69 for a total of \$243,598.60. 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:

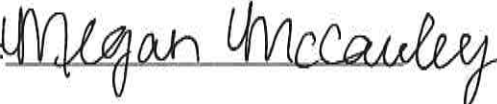
Date approval for Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony
Cemetery Rules/Procedures for Columbarium

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

DATE: 11-20-23



Mayor

Attest: 

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City Clerk