**AGENDA**

**City Council Meeting**

**City Hall 105 West Hampton *and* Via Zoom** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/858)**9108095389**

**Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag**

**D. Public Comment:** Public comment will be accepted on public matters not listed on this agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the City Council and having a significant interest to the public. During a regular session, there will be time after each agenda item for comment about that item.

* 1. 1. Step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record.
  2. 2. Please limit your comments to THREE (3) minutes.

**E. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes**

1. February 7th Meeting – Regular Session

*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*

2. February 21st Meeting – Regular Session

*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*

**F. Receive/Accept Reports**

1. Sheriff’s Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

4. City Engineer’s Report - Great West Engineering

5. Public Work’s Report - City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

7. Parks Committee Report – Jennifer Frazer

8. Meagher County/City Housing Project Report – Jackson Rose

9. Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

**G. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Action**

**1. Montana Department of Transportation – Ted Jones – Request a permanent through**

**traffic street closure of 5th Ave SW between the streets of SW Hancock St and SW**

**Garfield St.**

Discussion and/or Action

Continued discussion regarding need for street closure requested by Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) as to their property located between SW Hancock and SW Garfield which straddles 5th Ave SW and their plans for development of this property.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to grant street closure (2 gates)and bring matter back for formal Resolution; or Move to continue matter for further discussion.*

**2. Employment Practices Coverage Renewal 2023 – Authorize Employment Policy Language Change**

Discussion and/or Action

Authorize and Approve language change on p. 47 of Employment Policy to conform with Montana law, as requested by MMIA. Change language in **X. 4.b. Termination** from: *Brandishing a firearm or weapon on City property.* To: *Brandishing* ***an unauthorized*** *firearm or weapon on City property.*

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to amend City Employment Policy language to specify “unauthorized” firearm or weapon on p. 47.*

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCE PROPOSALS**

a. **2nd Reading: Ordinance 2023-1A: Street Numbering**

Discussion and/or Action

Consider proposed Ordinance 2023-1A altering language in §1.5.4 of the WSS City Code to conform to the methodology being employed by the Meagher County Rural 9-1-1 Addressing project, which is upgrading to a GIS addressing protocol for locating structures.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2023-1A as written. OR, Move to continue 2nd Reading to another date.*

**H. New Business- Items for Discussion and/or Action**

**1. Phase 4 Water Transmission Project: Water/Sewer Rates, Equivalent Dwelling Units and Maintenance Costs – Jessica Salo/Craig Erickson from Great West and Council**

Discussion and/or Action

Begin discussion as to whether the City can sufficiently cover: 1) all regular system operation and maintenance expenses, 2) fund a reasonable system repair & replacement reserve account, and 3) cover 110% of all principal and interest payments due on outstanding bonds at our present rate structure; and whether our present categories adequately reflect equivalencies between dwellings and businesses and their corresponding impact on the system or require alteration.

Accept Public Comment

*Schedule further discussion or work sessions or direct Gt West and/or Attorney to present appropriate documents for further action.*

**2. 2 Basset Brewery - Barry Hedrich**

Discussion and/or Action

**A.** **Variance Renewal**

Consider renewal of variance request for awning/pedlet patio space.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Motion to renew variance on awning/pedlet for Two Basset Brewery.*

**B. Olympics Street Closure/Alcohol Waiver - July 1st**

Consider request to close 2nd Street from Main Street to Houston for the 2 Basset Brewery Olympics.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to Approve Open Container Waiver and Street Closure.*

**C. Cornhole Tournaments Street Closure/Alcohol Waiver - September 3rd**

Consider request to close 2nd Street from Main Street to Houston for the 2 Basset Brewery Olympics.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to Approve Open Container Waiver and Street Closure.*

**3. Freedom Days LLC - Labor Day Rodeo Street Closure/Alcohol Waiver**

Discussion and/or Action

Presentation as to Freedom Day’s Rodeo event and the street closure/alcohol waiver request for the 4th of September.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to approve Freedom Day’s Rodeo’s Open Container Waiver for September 3rd*

**4. Parks Advisory Committee Vacancy**

Discussion and/or Action

1. Consider vacancy in Parks Advisory Committee and recommendation to appoint Tressa Blair for a \_\_\_\_ year term
2. Accept Public Comment
3. *Possible Motion: Move to appoint Tressa Blair for a \_\_ year term on the Parks Advisory Committee.*

**I. Comments/Discussion**

1. 1. Future Business
2. 2. Mayor’s Comments—Rick Nelson
3. 3. Council Comments/Discussion
4. a. President of the Council—Ron Coleman
5. b. Council Member—Lee Blanchard
6. c. Council Member—Pattie Berg
7. d. Council Member—Rick Ellison

**J. Council Review of Financials**

**K. Claims Signing/Motion to Approve the Bills**

**L. Motion/Vote to Adjourn the Meeting**

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