MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18TH, 2019 MEETING FROM THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BILLINGS BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

AT BILLINGS CITY HALL

AT 7:00 P. M.

Present were: Mayor, David L. Rauch, City Attorney, William Petrus, Building Inspector, Terry Danley, Treasurer, Chris M. Hopkins. Absent was City Clerk, Ruth M. Haskins.

Citizens and guests present were: Tina Didreckson, Nicole Browning, Dan Lyming, Jim Viebrock and Mike Mertins of Skywire Solar.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

Cloud Present

Fender Present

Brown Present

Gold Present

Kucera Present

VanZandt Present

Mayor Rauch called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor’s Comments. Mayor Rauch expressed a Thank You to Mickey Brown for the invitation on behalf of the City of Billings for the Appreciation Dinner to be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Billings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. No One spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Alderman Brown stated Mr. Sipes will spend what he needs to have repair/replace his waterline as there is no easement available on Linda Land due to the electrical and gas lines already in the easements in that subdivision. Motion by Brown seconded by Kucera for Mr. Sipes to resume paying for water service but to pay the minimum water charge effective September 2, 2019 until this is resolved. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
2. City Treasurer Hopkins stated the Series EE Bonds will continue earning their interest rate from when they were purchased until they reach their full maturity date. She suggested that the Bonds be placed in the Bank of Billings Security Box and be cashed when each packet (there are 4) reach their respective maturity dates. Packet #1 will mature December 2024; Packet #2 March, 2025; Packet #3 August 2026; Packet #4 February 2028 and that they should be reinvested at the best possible rate given at that time of maturity until all are needed for final Bond Obligation payment in 2039. Motion made by Gold seconded by Cloud. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera, and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS, MEMORIALS, PROCLAMATION AND ORDINANCES.

1. Consent Agenda. Motion made by Fender seconded by VanZandt to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
2. Alderman Brown said there were four applicants for the Working Supervisor position for the Street Department. Will discuss in closed session.
3. Motion by Gold seconded by Cloud for Hopkins to amend the 2019 City of Billings Budget by adding the Phase II Bond Revenue and Expenses effective June 30, 2019. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
4. Tina Didreckson, Library Board member was not sure of the exact streets to be closed for the 5K run scheduled on September 21, 2019 but would get back to the Board next month. She also was looking for event sponsors and an informational flyer was in the Boards packet for review. No action taken at meeting.
5. Mayor Rauch explained that the 2019 Comphrensive Plan proposal with SWMCOG (Southwest Missouri Council of Governments) would be for updating the old Comphrensive Plan that was completed in 1964. Mayor Rauch is to assemble a volunteer committee to work on this project with SWMCOG. Motion by Gold seconded by Cloud to approve the Mayor to sign the contract as presented. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
6. Mike Mertins from Skywire Solar was invited to speak informally about the information he had gathered about installing solar panels at the Wastewater Plant. The city is to secure two additional RFQ’s for solar panel/electrical reduction use for the August meeting for comparison costs.
7. Motion to approve payment of wages, expenses, bills, statements and other expenditures for the month of June made by Fender seconded by Brown. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and VanZandt. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

Motion made by Brown for the Board to go onto Closed Session Pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo seconded by Fender.

Roll Call Vote.

Cloud Aye

Fender Aye

Brown Aye

Gold Aye

Kucera Aye

VanZandt Aye

Meeting Closed to the Public.

Motion by Fender, seconded by Kucera to end closed session and reconvene in open session.

Roll Call Vote.

Cloud Aye

Fender Aye

Brown Aye

Gold Aye

Kucera Aye

VanZandt Aye

Motion to adjourn made by Fender, seconded by Kucera.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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 David L. Rauch, Mayor

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Chris M. Hopkins, Deputy City Clerk