MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON MARCH 21st, 2017 AT 7:00, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Clerk Lanter called roll with council members Weitzeil, Schladweiler, Liggett, Picchioni, Griffith, Toombs, Yount, and Martin present. Also present assistant clerk Olsen and Director Sibley.

Corrections to the minutes: Picchioni moved to approve the claims.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Picchioni to approve the March 7th, 2017 minutes as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Martin, seconded by Toombs to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Visitor Jessica Samuelson with youth baseball was here with information about two scoreboards being donated to baseball. The scoreboards came out of the high school gym. Eric Elliasson offered to donate his time and labor to install the boards. The boards will have to be covered when not in use. The council will vote on this at the next council meeting.

Adam Carlson was not present.

Deputy Lesnik introduced the new officer, Garrett Sanford, to the city council. He commented his other two officers are currently at the academy. Lesnik prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the council. Calls for service are up by 25% from the last eight years. 66% of the crimes are happening within the city limits. The Sherriff’s department is asking for the city to increase the contribution by $35,000 for a total of $135,000 annually. The extra funds would go towards hiring another deputy.

Deputy Lesnik also commented that he would like to see a stop sign on 4th Avenue East as there have been multiple accidents at that intersection.

Mayor Jones, Director Sibley, and Councilman Picchioni appeared before the Coal Board to testify for the city’s application for new water lines. Currently the Coal Board has no funding for projects.

The Steering Committee will meet March 30th at 5:15 at the city office to review the Request for Proposals for the Downtown Master Plan. The Steering Committee consists of Mayor Sandra Jones, Linda Yount, Shawn Dutton, Bill Edwards, Jessica Samuelson, Emma Fraser, Dave Liggett, Jerry Rangitsch, Beverly Eiselein, and Gary Toombs.

Mayor Jones opened communication with Fire Chiefs Jason Hagstrom, and Keith Salthe about a policy to charge service fees for calls involving out-of-county residents. There would have to be an agreement between the city and the county with a 50% split of the revenues. There will be further discussion on this subject.

Compliance Personnel Bruce Hoiland gave an oral report. There were no new building permits this month. He notified the council there are Amish families moving to the area and people need to be aware of horse and buggies on the streets.

There was discussion of the proposed chicken ordinance. The council will vote next meeting on whether to continue with implementing a chicken ordinance.

The Water Authority met with landowners to discuss potential easements. Senator Steve Daines introduced the regional water authority bill to the Senate in Washington.

There will be more discussion on whether or not the city will increase the law enforcement agreement by $35,000.

The treasurer’s report was mailed with the council packets.

Clerk Lanter will send a copy of the general fund budget for council to review.

Clerk Olsen gave a report on the Water Assistance Program (WAP). HRDC implemented a new program to help low income families who already qualify for LIEAP to get a onetime payment of fifty dollars to go towards their water bill. So far Roundup has received $400 in WAP payments. HRDC is hoping to be able to continue this program.

Director Sibley talked with Engineer Greg Lukasik about the CDBG grant funds for sidewalks. He stated that if application were made for funding for sidewalks, it would compete with the water project. The available funds are also for sidewalks in a new housing area, not for replacing existing sidewalks.

Councilman Schladweiler suggested contacting Mid-Rivers about the conditions of the alleys as sinkholes are starting to appear.

Moved by Picchioni, seconded by Liggett to approve Resolution #1071, A Resolution of the City Council, City of Roundup authorizing sale of real property. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Yount, seconded by Liggett to approve all corrections and changes to the personnel policy as recommended by MMIA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Deb Shields asked if it was proper procedure to vote on chickens before having a public comment period. The council responded that they try and represent all the people in their wards the best they can. The council commented that Deb Shields or anyone wanting to respond to the chicken ordinance should send a letter to their alderman.

Kurt Lang commented that chicks will not be available after May. Mayor Jones informed there is a process to change an ordinance.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Liggett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sandra Jones – Mayor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tanya Lanter – Clerk/Treasurer

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Violet Olsen – Assistant Clerk