MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON FEBRUARY 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, Griffith, Toombs, and Yount present. Picchioni and Martin absent. Also present Assistant Clerk Olsen and Attorney Lundvall via phone.

The agenda will be amended to move new business after approval of agenda.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Yount to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Yount, seconded by Liggett to approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2017 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: Mayor Jones closed the regular meeting and opened for the first Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Greg Lukasik with Great West Engineering was here to present information for the CDBG hearing. There are four categories to apply for through CDBG - public facilities, housing, planning grants and economic development. The grants require one dollar for every three dollars match. The city would like to apply for a grant in the amount of $450,000 for the water system. All members of the council would like to go after a grant for the water system. Yount commented she would like to also apply for a housing grant if we can come up with the match requirements. Yount would also like to see a grant for sidewalks. Visitors Deb Shields, Pam Liggett, Tom Stockert, Erin Janoso and Wanda Kephart also agreed they would like to see a project for the water first and then sidewalks. Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and opened the regular council meeting.

Mayors notes: Mayor informed the council there will be a Coal Board hearing March 23rd in Helena concerning the funding for the Coal Board. The city has a Coal Board application in for water system improvements for the next funding cycle.

Attorney Lundvall is working on the resolution for the sale of the property at 1011 1st Street East. A copy will go out with the council packets.

Lundvall will give a legal opinion on whether it’s allowed for the Roundup Record to move his office to his residence.

Compliance Personnel Bruce Hoiland gave an oral report. He has a property owner interested in the lot at 1011 1st Street East. There were no new building permits this month.

The Parks Committee met and will hold lifeguard interviews March 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the City Office.

The discussion on allowing chickens continued. Councilman Yount had one person for and one person against. Councilman Toombs had some concerns from people. They are concerned with the smell and whether the coops & runs will be secure from predators. Councilman Weitzeil only had people who were against the idea. Councilman Schladweiler had a few for and a few against. Councilman Liggett had a three people for, four undecided and two against. Councilman Toombs suggested a trial period of two years to see how it goes. It could be revisited to be abandoned or changed.

Public Comments: Tom Stockert:stated people can go out of town if they want chickens. Deb Shields printed out comments from a discussion on Facebook about the topic. The majority was in support of it.

Erin Janoso read an article from other communities who allow chickens. She spoke that it is important for families to have to option to have their own food. Eggs provide children with needed protein. She commented that issued permits can be pulled after an inspection that proved noncompliance with the rules set. Bruce Hoiland is opposed to allowing chickens. Pam Liggett is in favor of the idea as long as they have a permit and follow the regulations. Schladweiler suggested the ordinance committee draft an ordinance with all the restrictions and permit requirements. There was a question whether a pot belly pig should be allowed. The ordinance states no swine, therefore one will not be allowed.

The treasurer’s report was mailed with the council packets. Clerk Lanter will provide the council with changes to the personnel policy as required by our insurance carrier MMIA. The changes will be reviewed before approval.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

 Tanya Lanter – Clerk/Treasurer

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 Violet Olsen – Assistant Clerk