MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON JUNE 20th, 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, and Yount present. Martin absent. Also present Assistant Clerk Olsen.

Moved by Picchioni, seconded by Schladweiler to approve the June 6th, 2017 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the agenda: Water Authority. Move all council action items to after new business.

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

Mayor Jones informed the council that the Downtown Master Plan meeting was well attended. The city signed contracts with High Plains Architects for the Historic Plan. Mayor Jones and Council persons Liggett and Picchioni will attend the Coal Board meeting in Billings Thursday June 22, 2017. The city has an application for water pipe replacement in the amount of $182,000. The city will have thank you poster to Signal Peak on the float during the 3rd & 4th parade.

Compliance Personnel Bruce Hoiland gave an oral report. There were three permits this month. Monday Meridian Surveying was here doing the surveying on the east side of town. He will set three elevations pins. There was one protest to the flood plain mapping. July 17th the new flood map should be approved.

Correspondence: Letter were received about the chicken ordinance.

Rural water will be at the council meeting July 18, 2017 to present a water rate analysis. The public will be welcomed to attend the presentation.

Water authority met in Harlowton June 14th. The Mayor of Harlowton testified in Washington D.C. in front of a subcommittee about the rural water program. This project to get water from Judith Gap all the way to Melstone has been in the works for 14 years. It’s a 93 million dollar project.

The Zoning committee met to discuss the new therapy building the hospital is planning to build. Brad Howell attended the committee meeting. The committee gave Howell a few recommendations on where to place the new building as the codes state you are not allowed to have two occupied structures on one lot. Brad Howell will come back with another map of the locations of the new building for council approval.

The stop signs locations will be discussed more.

Mayor Jones closed the regular meeting and opened for the second public hearing on the chicken ordinance at 7:15 p.m. Judy Burrows spoke in favor of the ordinance as it will benefit her special needs 4-H kids. Coila Evans is also in favor of the ordinance. It will be a benefit to local businesses, and make the city a more attractive place to live. Russell Lang spoke in favor of the ordinance. Julia Siravetz doesn’t see any negative effect from allowing chickens in town. James Vivirito spoke against the ordinance. He says it will bring predators into town. Chickens also carry diseases. There is no way to enforce the ordinance as the city does not have an animal control officer. Terry Vidic spoke in favor of the ordinance. She informed the council a few of the community members would like to form a chicken commission to help take the burden off the law enforcement. Erin Janoso made phone calls to communities that allow chickens. The other cities and towns had only minor issues or complaints. Connie Vering does not see the chickens as being an issue.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing and opened the regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor would like to add the language to the permit application of “owning chickens will be at your own risk”. Moved by Toombs, seconded by Liggett to approve the permit as amended with the new language. Motion passed.

Moved by Liggett, seconded by Yount to approve the chicken ordinance. Discussion followed. Toombs heard more in favor from his ward than against. Yount and Liggett agreed with hearing more in favor than against in their wards also. Liggett spoke that Erin Janoso and Deb Sheilds did lots of research on the subject and found lots of useful information on the issues or lack of issues with chickens. Weitzeil spoke about putting down dogs after they killed chickens. Schladweiler received letters from his ward not in favor of the ordinance. Picchioni thanked the community for coming to the meeting and being involved, and encouraged them to continue to come.

Clerk Lanter called for a vote. Councilpersons voting Aye: Liggett, Griffith, Toombs and Yount. Voting nay: Weitzeil, Schladweiler, and Picchioni. Motion passes.

The treasurer’s report was given to the council members.

Moved by Toombs seconded by Picchioni to approve Resolution 1073. A Resolution requesting that the Musselshell County election administrator conduct a mail ballot for the City of Roundup All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Picchioni to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

Tanya Lanter – Clerk/Treasurer

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Violet Olsen- Assistant Clerk