MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUNDUP HELD ON September 17, 2019 AT 7:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Clerk/Treasurer Lanter conducted roll call with council members Picchioni, Liggett, Schladweiler, Erickson, Griffith. Toombs and Fisher present. Also present were Director Sibley, Assistant Clerk Mann. Compliance Officer Hoiland, and Attorney Lundvall via phone. Perrella was absent.

*Moved by Griffith, seconded by Fisher to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Liggett, seconded by Picchioni to approve agenda adding Library Board. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**Visitors:** Troy Evans addressed the Council with concerns. I have a problem with a refusal to create a plan B. I have asked for a copy of a contract between the City and the Water Authority. I received minutes, no contract, no terms. When does the public get to see it? How long are we obligated to spend 90 million or more on the Regional water? I have heard for years; we are this close. I have witnessed several people address the Council. I have no respect for engineers. There are other ways to do things. Acquire water rights or drill south of town. It can be treated for a lesser cost. There are new technologies to allow that. How many more decades are we going to have bad water? Consider forming a committee in exploring new technologies to treat water. There is a depth of knowledge in our community, go out and ask people. This is the number one issue in town, why work on anything else till this is solved?

Councilmember Liggett-I do believe we need a plan B. What would satisfy you? How much money do you think is appropriate for the City to spend on a plan B? City has a fiscal responsibility.

Evans- That you explored other options.

Councilmember Schladweiler clarified funding. Went from 120 million to 90 million. 65% Federal, 17.5% State and 17.5% Local. Lots of hoops to jump through. Rules that need to be followed. Looked at RO (Reverse Osmosis) system which would have cost 2 million. It would have lasted 20 years. Looked at what other small towns were doing. They fed through the Water Authority. Surface water has to be treated differently and is more costly. One million gallons of water is pumped in the summer time. That’s a lot of water, couldn’t find any locally. We have to deal with the Federal Government. It took about 3 years to meet the rules. We received funding from the State to drill wells. Good water and good flow. It is feasible to bring water from there to here. Now we are in the politics of it. That is the biggest hold up we have. We have books to show everything we have done. Everyone is welcome to read them.

Mayor Jones- Monty Sealey will be at the October 15th meeting. Monty Sealey and Bob Church will attend the January 21st meeting to give an update and address any questions.

Schladweiler- Greg Gianforte will be in Roundup on the 27th at 1:00 everyone needs to tell him their concerns with the water.

Councilmember Picchioni- Monty Sealey has all the information, he is the Administrator.

Liggett- The Water Authority has done their job. Get a campaign letter to congress.

**Mayor Jones-** Compliance Officer Hoiland and Mayor Jones attended the Brownsfield workshop in Lewistown. There will be a meeting September 26th at 7:00pm at the City Office.

Census Committee will meet September 26th @ 12:00.

County is no longer interested in buying the Refuse Site. Board is going to look at Bylaws for updates. Also, will look at lease and possibly update. Could do a memorandum of understanding, per Councilmember Toombs.

**City Attorney Lance Lundvall-**Willdraft a letter to send to Mid-Rivers concerning cable cleanup. If no response, legal action will be taken.

**Compliance Officer Bruce Hoiland-**Attended the Brownsfield Project workshop. A ton of good information. Talked to numerous people who are interested in the project. No cost to the City.

**Correspondence:** A letter received from Edith Sloan thanking the Council for allowing the Pickleball Club to paint lines on the Tennis Court with the help from Ron Solberg.

A message from Joan Perrella was read by Councilmember Liggett. She wants more done to inform people on the City Elections. Use more media for notices to promote more positive influence in our city.

Letter received from the Election Administrator cancelling general election. All Candidates running unopposed. Not having an election saves the City money. The outcome would be the same.

**Report out from Council Committee meetings:**

**Library Board-** Report given by Schladweiler. Met today. Adjusted the budget to cover the expense of the new bathroom. Thanked the Council for the $1000.00 contribution. Waiting for the contractor to start construction.

**Zoning Committee-**Report given by Schladweiler- Will look at TIF (Tax Increment Financing) documents for any edits. Second meeting in October will take action.

**Clerk/Treasurer Lanter-**Treasurer Report was mailed to the Council.

Deer Plan was approved. 120 tags will be on sale October 1. Hunt will be November 9th through February 15th.

**Director Sibley**- Maintenance crew is still paving when weather permits.

**Public Comment**: Robert Gustafson- How is the water ok to drink? RO (Reverse Osmosis) is expensive.

Jennifer Smith-Is new to the community. Has red eyes, silver jewelry turned bronze color, hair bleached, all due to using the water. Not happy with paying the $15.00 extra.

Coila Evans-A friend was walking down by the Fair Grounds with her small child and was scared because of hunters.

**Public Comment**: Troy Evans-If a two-hour parking sign is posted, people from the malt shop will be forced to park on Main Street.

*Moved by Fisher, seconded by Toombs to approve INSTALLING A 2-HR PARKING SIGN IN FRONT OF THE COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN: ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Moved by Schladweiler, seconded by Liggett to approve Resolution #1118: A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Moved by Picchioni, seconded by Fisher 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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Cassandra Mann-Assistant Clerk