ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

Present:  District 1 Commissioner Terry Vermeire, District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates
District  3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Vice-Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith, District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte, (Chair),  CEO Bill Everett, and Clerk of Commission Lori Sturm

Excused Absence: County Attorney Krakowka

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Commissioner Huotte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Huotte explained the Commission rules of procedure.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting of May 17, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of May 24, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission meeting of May 17, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of May 24, 2022; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Commissioner Hart take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered 139105 through 139218 in the amount of $367,952.38 Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- Commissioner Hart – Nothing to Report.
- Commissioner Smith – Nothing to Report.
- Commissioner Vermeire – Attended the Airport Board Meeting.
- Commissioner Huotte – Nothing to Report
CEO Everett – Thanked Atlantic Richfield for going forward and covering the slag pile a few years early. They see the economic development going forth. It is easier to cover the slag pile before all the new businesses are there. EPA had nothing to do with this. The election is going on tonight. Results should be out on the secretary of state’s website. Construction projects are going forth. We are having issues with the DEQ in Helena. They are a blackhole. Information goes in and nothing comes out.

PUBLIC HEARING

Major Development Permit for the building historically known as the Alpine Apartments to convert the building to a 16-unit condominium. (Property is addressed as 200 Hickory Street and is located at the corner of W. Park Ave. and Hickory Street.)

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – This is the major development permit application coming out of the March Planning Board meeting. The Planning board unanimously recommended approval of the MDP with conditions, and the conditions have been satisfied. The board is enthusiastic that this is a building that has been vacant for nearly a decade and there is excitement about seeing this building being able to house residential folks.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:06 p.m.
Commissioner Huotte called for comments three times - No Comments were given
Public Hearing Closed at 6:06 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Major Development Permit for the building historically known as the Alpine Apartments to convert the building to a 16-unit condominium. (Property is addressed as 200 Hickory Street and is located at the corner of W. Park Ave. and Hickory Street.)

Motion made by Commissioner Vermeire to take action to approve the Major Development Permit for the building historically known as the Alpine Apartments to convert the building to a 16-unit condominium; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 5-0

Request for Public Hearing Regarding A-DLC Ordinance No. 268, An Ordinance Repealing A-DLC Ordinance No. 128, Dissolving Tree Board, and Establishing Planting and Maintenance Requirements for Trees on County Right-Of-Way. (Suggested Public Hearing Date of June 21, 2022)

Rose Nyman – Would the Commission give some thought to not requiring the Park and Recreation Board to have a list of the species of trees. I tried to get into the county extension
office about 10 days ago, but it was locked. NCAT has been doing some exploratory growing programs for this climate and they have some neat programs. They may have some information. NCAT (National Center for Appropriate Technology) They are doing some experimental gardening and orchards.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to set a Public Hearing Date of June 21, 2022, regarding A-DLC Ordinance No 268, An Ordinance Repealing A-DLC Ordinance No. 128, Dissolving Tree Board, and Establishing Planting and Maintenance Requirements for Trees on County Right-Of-Way; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Request for Development Proposal – Lease with Option to Purchase - Two lots in the Arbiter Major Subdivision – referenced as Lots 1A and Lot 1B.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Request for Development Proposal – Lease with Option to Purchase - Two lots in the Arbiter Major Subdivision – referenced as Lots 1A and Lot 1B; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 5-0

Request for Reappointment to the Planning Board by Rose Nyman

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to reappoint Rose Nyman as a member to the Planning Board; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

Request for Reappointment to the Historic Resources Board by Bob Wren

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to reappoint Bob Wren as a member to the Historic Resources Board; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 5-0
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Special Event Permit – Copper Village Museum/Art center - Art in Washoe Park – July 15, 16, 17, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Special Event Permit – Copper Village Museum/Art center - Art in Washoe Park – July 15, 16, 17, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance); Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

Special Event Permit – Nxt. Gen Entertainment – 4th of July Concert A’s Stadium Washoe Park (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Special Event Permit – Nxt. Gen Entertainment – 4th of July Concert A’s Stadium Washoe Park (Pending Certificate of Insurance); Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Buy Sell Agreement for the Celtic House, LLC Property. (Vacant Lot on Main St. to the North of the Harp).

CEO Everett – This has been worked on for excess of a year. We have been trying to purchase the property next door to the Harp and Thistle. There would be enough room to make a nice parking lot. We do have a need for parking downtown. There are a few restrictions that I want on the Parking lot if approved . . . no overnight parking. After 2 o’clock vehicles will be towed. Ask the Commission to approve and it will be paved this summer.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Buy Sell Agreement for the Celtic House, LLC Property vacant lot on Main Street to the North of the Harp: Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

FY2022 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County subject to contract being prorated. – CEO Everett

CEO Everett – We have a new extension agent who has been going out of her way to keep me updated. My only question with this is we have 2 contracts before us. The first is July 1, 2021, ending June 30 2022. We had a vacancy for part of the year. This contract needs to be prorated because Kayleen was not here. I ask the Commission to approve understanding that there must be a proration involved.
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• Kayleen Kidwell, MSU Extension – I thought this was already taken care of, I had not seen the contract. Reported that MSU understands this.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve the FY2022 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County subject to the contract being prorated as addressed by the CEO; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

FY2023 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County – CEO Everett

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the FY2023 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

MISCELLANEOUS

• Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous.
• Commissioner Gates - No Miscellaneous.
• Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous.
• Commissioner Huotte – No Miscellaneous.
• CEO Everett – No Miscellaneous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rose Nyman – I spent Sunday morning cleaning a public parking lot. Requested that when the spring street sweeping is done could they do the public parking lot. Maybe again in the fall after all the festivities at the Commons. Reported about a diseased tree covered with white blisters. This should come out before they are all infected. Reported about the combination of metal grates and the cinder blocks filled with sand. Each are covered with about 3 or 4 inches of gunk. I believe it would be about a 3-day job to clean the grates. I walked up to the law office this morning to see if there were spots on that tree. That tree has the cinder blocks and sand and is raised about 2 inches toward the curb side; believes it is a liability. I do not know whose responsibility that belongs to. Does it come under facilities or maintenance?

Dan Goddard – Brought up 412 Cherry Street to be placed on the agenda for discussion. Wing homes are a rare commodity in the nation, and most have been torn down. Would like it on the agenda to discuss the value of the property and house.
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- **Commissioner Hart** - You have brought this up several times. What exactly is it that you expect out of the Commission with this discussion? Should this be before the Commission or under the Executive Branch of Government?
- **Dan Goddard** – Would like you to look at this particular property with that style of home and the value. It could be added to the old housing stabilization. A simple home like this can add to the historic value. Discussion could be shall we continue and preserve it, or should it be torn down?
- **Commissioner Hart** – Explained the general powers of government in the Charter form of government. The issues you have should probably go to the Chief Executive.
- **Dan Goddard** – I would love to have a discussion with the Chief Executive.
- **CEO Everett** – You have had the discussion multiple times . . . you don’t seem to listen, hear, or understand what I have said.
- **Dan Goddard** – That could be opened for discussion as well. I feel this has been neglected or overlooked. Have an open-minded discussion.

**ADLC Meeting Dates and Times**

**Commissioner Huotte** - Read the meeting dates and times.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Lori Sturm  
Clerk of Commission

Mike Huotte  
Commission Chair