

**CITY OF COLSTRIP
CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting
October 9, 2007

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Gale Palmer, Betty Jo Ellison and Rick Harbin

Absent: Councilperson Susan Hert

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Jan Morgan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, City Judge Gail Beckham, Assistant Clerk Tana Pippin, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Administrative Assistant Kathie Bailey

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if this includes the Cash Report. Mayor Williams stated it does not. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 9/25/07 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 10/05/07

Departmental Reports:

In addition to written information included in council's packets Public Works Supervisor Bleth, Police Chief Reinlasoder, Fire Chief Reid, Judge Beckham, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Morgan, Administrative Assistant Bailey, City Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards gave departmental reports.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams welcomed the students from the Colstrip High School in attendance and gave them an invitation to take back to Mr. Davidson's Government Class for the Open House on October 23 regarding the proposed new City Hall.

Mayor Williams reported on a discussion held during the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference last week. The discussion was on the Entitlement Share Payment distributed as a result of HB124 and whether the amounts received by each city and town are fair. Mayor Williams also pointed out that the City of Colstrip levied over \$2,000,000 in property taxes in its first fiscal year after incorporation but has levied less than \$2,000,000 in each subsequent year since.

Assistant Clerk Tana Pippin presented a slide show submitted to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation regarding the city's Arbor Day celebration and forestry projects. The city was awarded an Urban Forestry Excellence Award based on this presentation and forestry activities. Mayor Williams acknowledged Mrs. Pippin and all the hard work she has done in this area.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve Task Order #1 with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson for Engineering Services for the Zone 2 Water Tank in the amount of \$46,500. Councilperson Palmer seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Harbin moved to authorize an Invitation to Bid for a new Fire Equipment Truck as requested by Fire Chief Reid. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin commented after looking through the bid specifications submitted by the fire department he wondered if this was for the truck and van body. Chief Reid explained the bid specifications submitted are for the van body only and the truck would be additional. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Palmer moved to approve Resolution 07-R15, exempting the Colstrip School District for applying each year for a permit for the Homecoming Parade. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the request of the Public Works Department to purchase an Air Compressor in the amount of \$10,750 from Machinery Power & Equipment. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked about the Gas Tax Fund. City Clerk/Treasurer explained the city receives approximately \$52,000 per year

from the state for its share of the gas taxes collected and these funds can only be used for street maintenance, construction, etc. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve Change Order #1 for the 2007 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$45,622. Councilperson Palmer seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Palmer asked if this change order adds any time onto the contract. Public Works Supervisor Bleth stated it does add 25 calendar days (16 working days) onto the contract completion date. Councilperson Harbin asked about weather delays. Public Works Supervisor Bleth reported there has not been any weather days added yet. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Palmer would like to see the agenda and minutes added onto the city's website.

Attorney Ryder asked if the city's code is on the website. Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the city contracts with Sterling Codifiers to host the city's code on their website. A link to the city's codes is provided on the city's website.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer