

CITY OF COLSTRIP
CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2008

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 and Councilpersons Betty Jo Ellison, Susan Hert, Rick Harbin and Dan Becker

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Building Inspector/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Jan Morgan and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 2/12/08 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/21/08
- c. January Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation:

Larry Miller, representing PPL Montana, presented information on the RV camp that PPL Montana is developing. Construction starts on Monday, March 1 with overhaul of the power plants beginning May 1. The RV camp will be developed in three phases over three years with the intention of opening up the camp to the public at the end of phase three. Initially it will be for overhaul workers only.

Mr. Miller also reported that PPL has been approached by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers with interest in developing a training facility in Eastern Montana. There are several options available in Colstrip for locating such a facility. This previously has been done successfully in Arizona.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting this month. The Chamber is updating the business directory and also developing a website. Colstrip Days is scheduled for June 27, 28 & 29 this year.

Bids are out on the new City Hall. Over 30 interested contractors have requested the plans so far. Bid opening is scheduled for March 11th.

Councilperson Ellison moved to confirm the appointment of Craig Marquis to the Zoning Commission. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Attorney Ryder presented a draft Ordinance to adopt recommendations submitted by the Zoning Commission regarding garages. Attorney Ryder suggested adding the requirement that garages cannot be bigger than the primary residence. Attorney Ryder would like feedback from the City Council on this ordinance. First reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the next regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer