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City Council Meeting
February 14, 2012

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilmembers Tom Jankowski, Lawretta Miller, and Evan Stewart

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Director John Bleth, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan, and Deputy Clerk Paula Peplow

Absent: Councilmember John Williams

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Peplow called the roll.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/9/12

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Reinlasoder, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, Public Works Director Bleth, and City Attorney Ryder.

Mayor's Communications:

By appointment of the City Council Mayor Hanser swore in newly hired Police Officer Michael Hayes and City Judge Gail Beckham.

Public Comment and Participation:

Public hearing opened at 7:15 p.m. for the use of Community Transportation Enhancement Program funds. Rick Harbin, Director of CPRD, spoke to the council on the Wild Horse Park proposal. Jolene Rieck, Peaks to Plans Design, shared a slide presentation of the Wild Horse Park Project. Ms. Rieck explained the CPRD Board approved the park at the November meeting. Sidewalks would be placed on the Prospector side of the park and throughout the park. Ms. Rieck explained CTEP funds cannot be used for soft surfaces but can be used for the sidewalk portion of the project. Construction of the park should be completed by July.

Bill Neumiller of 4030 Prospector Drive spoke in favor of the CTEP funding for the park project. Mr. Neumiller also feels the sidewalk would keep pedestrians safe.

Barb Verlanic of 4220 Sweetgrass Drive also spoke in favor of the CTEP monies for the Wild Horse Park Project. Mrs. Verlanic stated her children are grown but the park could now be utilized by her grandchildren.

Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 12-R03 pertaining to Departmental Policy Approval. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Police Commission Handbook. Councilmember Jankowski second. Councilmember Stewart made a friendly amendment to revise the motion to approve having City Attorney Ryder prepare the Police Commission Handbook in ordinance form. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to table the proposed changes to the Police Department On-Call Policy until it can be discussed with the police bargaining unit. Councilmember Stewart seconded. There was discussion concerning the Police Department On-Call Policy.

Councilmember Miller voted no and Councilmembers Jankowski and Stewart voted yes. Motion carried by a 2 to 1 vote.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement on the Police Officer's Clothing Allowance to \$675 once a year. Councilmember Stewart seconded.

Discussion: Darcy Dahle, with MPEA, stated it is listed as personal preference for the clothing allowance in the contract and handing in receipts could make the issue difficult to determine personal preference for a non-police officer and issuing payment to the officer. The police officers are now getting paid \$600 per year the raise to \$675 is a compromise to help pay for taxes taken from the clothing allowance payment to alleviate any personal preference discussion. Councilmembers Jankowski and Miller voted yes. Councilmember Stewart voted no. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve the Wage Compensation Adjustments for Non-Union Employees. Councilmember Stewart seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 12-R04/Budget Amendments. Councilmember Stewart seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve the Coal Board Grant for the City Shop. Councilmember Stewart seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 12-R05/Commit Funds for Water Facilities Plan. Councilmember Miller seconded. Discussion: Public Works Director Bleth clarified the monies would be coming from the 2012-2013 budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Coal Board Grant Application for the Water Facilities Plan. Councilmember Miller seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Asbestos Abatement Proposal from Safetech, Inc. for \$9,450. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve applying for the Eastern Montana Brownfield Coalition Grant. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. Jim Atchison, with SEMDC, explained the Brownfield funds. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Coal Board Grant Contract for the Fire Truck. Councilmember Jankowski seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Mayor Hanser announced there will be a Personnel Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Rick Harbin had a question on the CTEP process. Mayor Hanser stated she will get in touch with Mr. Harbin

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Paula Peplow, Deputy Clerk