

CITY OF COLSTRIP CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 11, 2008

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Deputy Clerk Paula Peplow called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Sue Hert, Rick Harbin, and Dan Becker

Absent: Councilmember Betty Jo Ellison

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Jan Morgan, and Deputy Clerk Paula Peplow

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Hert moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Becker seconded. Discussion: Councilmember Becker stated that the minutes needed to be amended. Rick Harbin was not at the council meeting on February 26, 2008. Motion carried with all in favor.

Bid Opening:

The following sealed bids were received and opened by Deputy Clerk Peplow for the construction of city hall.

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>ALTERNATES</u>					<u>5B&C</u>
			<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5A</u>		
TOOZ Construction	\$4,500,000	+5,000	-40,000	-50,000	-30,000	-0-	-0-	
Fisher Construction	\$2,314,000	-4,880	-43,001	-80,126	-26,501	-7,500	-0-	
Rotherham Construction	\$2,385,126	+3,520	-43,359.95	-92,681	-34,914	-0-	-0-	
DPS Company	\$2,185,000	-3,000	-42,520	-58,626	-30,152	-1,176	-0-	
General Contractors	\$2,106,018	-1,906	-45,956	-61,448	-37,882	-0-	-0-	

Mayor Williams requested the bids be turned over to Durward Sobek with Space Planning for People, so he could evaluate the bids and make a recommendation on the award concerning the new city hall. Councilmember Harbin requested Mr. Sobek make sure the contractors had licensing.

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison of SouthEastern Montana Development gave the council a progress report on the Community Care Task Force which met on March 11, 2008 at the Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Wilson gave a presentation on Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study to construct an elderly care facility. The Community Care Task Force voted to proceed to Phase II. The next Community Care Task Force meeting will be at Colstrip City Hall at noon on March 25, 2008.

Mayor Williams shared that the elderly care facility may be eligible for HUD financing.

Mayor's Communication:

Mayor Williams stated the city has received notification from Rosebud County on the protested taxes and a review of that information has not been completed. There was an indication that Puget Sound Power and Light may be making some changes on the protested taxes in an email City Clerk/Treasurer Richards received.

The Coal Board meeting will be in Roundup on Friday, March 14, 2008. The city does not have anything before the Coal Board, at this time, but through the Community Care Task Force the Coal Board has been notified that we will be requesting assistance for the construction of the assisted living/retirement facility. The city will be coordinating with SEMDC and the Community Care Task Force on the request for funding.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Councilperson Harbin moved to waive the reading and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2008-01 pertaining to the Zoning Commission's recommendation in limiting detached and attached garage sizes. Councilmember Hert seconded. Discussion: It was requested that square be placed behind 120 on number 3. Motion was carried with all in favor.

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

Paula Peplow, Deputy Clerk