

City Council Meeting
April 24, 2012

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Tom Jankowski, John Williams, Evan Stewart and Lawretta Miller

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Acting Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director John Bleth, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, and Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 4/10/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 4/18/12
- c. March Financial Report

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Acting Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, Public Works Director Bleth and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Preliminary planning forms have been distributed to the police and fire departments to assist in the study for building a combined new law enforcement center/fire hall. The engineers are working with Public Works Director Bleth in preparation of going out to bid on a new Shop Building and also the Animal Pound.

The Montana Coal Board awarded the City of Colstrip \$200,000 for the Shop Building and \$36,662 for the Water Facilities Plan. Mayor Hanser thanked former mayor John Williams, Public Works Director Bleth and Kadmas, Lee and Jackson for all their hard work on these projects.

Public Comment and Participation:

Lu Shomate, Executive Director of the Schoolhouse History and Art Center, reported on upcoming events at SHAC and recent donations received. The SHAC Board is working on their budget and will be submitting their budget request to the Mayor and City Council soon.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Building/Planning Official Morgan introduced the Conditional Use request from Shannon Rust on behalf of Andrew and Mindolyn Kohn at 309 Box Elder for a pizza delivery business and coffee shop.

The property is already being used as a wholesale food distribution business and small gift shop by Mrs. Rust. Mr. & Mrs. Kohn are purchasing the business and want to add the pizza and coffee. The pizza business will not be a sit-down restaurant and will be take-out only. The neighbors have been contacted and have no objections as long as it is not a restaurant. Mayor Hanser asked Mrs. Morgan opinion on the request. Mrs. Morgan stated as long as it is pizza delivery only and not a sit-down restaurant, she doesn't see a problem with it. Andrew Kohn volunteered to answer any questions from the City Council regarding the conditional use request. Mr. Kohn explained they see this as an opportunity for the town as a gathering place for the community. Councilperson Stewart asked if the kitchen would need to be renovated or if any construction would be done to accommodate the pizza business. Mr. Kohn said it will be a small remodel to install the pizza oven and a warmer. Councilperson William moved to approve a Conditional Use at 309 Box Elder to add a pizza delivery business and coffee shop. Councilperson Stewart seconded. Discussion: Councilperson Williams concurs with the recommendation from Building/Official Morgan and feels the request has been very well thought out and meets the requirements for granting a conditional use permit. No objections or other comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor. Building/Planning Official Morgan asked if the limitations and conditions she mentioned earlier were okay with the City Council and if they should be part of the conditional use. City Council concurred that would be appropriate.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve a Lease Agreement with Michael and Lora McConnell for the Montana Moose Espresso with an effective date of April 21, 2012. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: No comments or objections were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve moving forward with the Invitation to Bid for constructing a new city shop building. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Mayor Hanser reported the National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3rd at CPRD and Arbor Day on Friday, May 4th at Pine Butte Elementary School.

Richard Larsen will be here on May 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm to meet with city employees and officials regarding the Employee Policy Manual Update.

Councilperson Williams thanked and complimented Mayor Hanser and Public Works Director Bleth for their presentation at the Montana Coal Board meeting last week in Billings.

Councilperson Williams commented on the passing of Peggy Stiles. Mrs. Stiles was very involved in the formation of the SHAC group and both she and her husband were active in community organizations. Mrs. Stiles was also involved in the group that organized the incorporation of Colstrip.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer