

City Council Meeting
May 8, 2012

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

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin, Acting Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director John Bleth, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Attorney Gary Ryder and Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Evan Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski asked Fire Chief Reid if Claim #16626 for a ResQRench was a multi-function tool. Chief Reid explained that the tool was a rescue tool, wedge to hold doors open, seat belt cutter, glass breaker, and also has connection tools. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 4/24/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 5/2/12

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Council Member Stewart made a motion to increase the Court Clerk wage to \$12.00 an hour beginning with the next pay period. Council Member Jankowski seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the job was advertised at \$11.00 to \$13.00 an hour depending upon experience. Council Member Williams expressed that he did not believe the council needed to approve this action as the Mayor has the authority to approve the rate of pay within the range established. Council Member Williams also expressed the need to treat all employees the same in the wage process as other employees have been hired accepting the low end of the wage

scale and are still at this wage level so it may open up issues with others. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hanser stated that she had chosen 3 citizens for the Police Commission. Mayor Hanser recommended appointing Janetta Dudley for a 1 year appointment, Roy Dolbear for a 2 year appointment and Rod Benner for a 3 year appointment. Council Member Williams made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for Police Commissioners and thanked Cheryl Fulkerson for her years of service to the city on the Police Commission. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Attorney Ryder expressed that the Council should approve each of the Police Commission Members separately. Council Member Williams made a friendly amendment to his motion to approve each appointment separately to the Police Commission.

Motion passed with all in favor to approve Janetta Dudley to the Police Commission for a 1 year term.

Motion passed with all in favor to approve Roy Dolbear to the Police Commission for a 2 year term.

Motion passed with all in favor to approve Rod Benner to the Police Commission for a 3 year term.

Administrative Matters:

Council Member Williams explained that he and all other Coal Members had received a follow up thank you letter and pictures from Tana Pippin, Fire Department Secretary for the Coal Board funding support of the Burn Building. Council Member Williams stated that this was a great idea and hopes the City will continue to do this kind of follow up with the Coal Board. Mayor Williams also reminded everyone that the Municipal Institute Conference will be in Billings from May 9th through the 11th.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. and returned to the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

Council Member Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Jankowski seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Tana Pippin, Deputy Clerk