

City Council Meeting
June 26, 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, City Attorney Gary Ryder, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Pontius, 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 6/12/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 6/21/12
- c. Journal Voucher No. 2012-01
- d. Wire Transfer Approval for WRF & SRF Bond Payments

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Bid Openings:

Tracy Haag of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened sealed bids received for the Animal Pound Renovation Project. The following bids were received:

Fisher Construction	\$96,000.00
Tightline Design	\$83,000.00

Tracy Haag of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened sealed bids received for the City Shop Project. The following bids were received:

Fisher Construction	\$1,031,955.25
Wright Brothers	\$ 878,983.00

The engineers and Public Works Director Bleth will review the bids during the rest of the meeting and report back later in the meeting.

Mayor Hanser called a recess at 7:17 pm. Mayor Hanser called the meeting back to order at 7:32 pm.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser reported there will be a Budget/Finance Committee meeting on July 17, 2012 at 5:45 pm.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

New Business:

Mayor Hanser opened the Variance Hearing for 6111 Homestead Boulevard at 7:34 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan explained the variance request is from the Colstrip Moose Lodge. They would like to construct a meeting hall adjacent to the current building due to their increased membership but would not be able to meet the minimum parking spaces requirement the City Code requires for the bowling alley they operate. They would also like a variance to the ten foot setback requirement on the rear lot line. A conditional use was suggested instead of a variance for the parking issue. Marko Bakich asked if the city would waive the monthly service fee for a 4" water line required for the fire system. No objections or other comments from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:45 pm. Councilperson Williams moved to approve a Conditional Use to the Colstrip Moose Lodge for parking at 6111 Homestead. Councilperson Jankowski seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve a Variance to the Real Lot Line Setback Requirement at 6111 Homestead to allow a building to extend into the ten foot setback requirement. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Tracy Haag of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson addressed the City Council regarding the bids received for the City Shop building. The bids are considerably higher than anticipated in two areas, excavation/backfill and cost of the metal building. Council members expressed concern over the high bids and if the project should be postponed and rebid in the winter. Councilperson Stewart moved to table the bid award for the City Shop Project until July 24, 2012. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to table the bid award on the Animal Pound Renovation Project until July 24, 2012. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer