

City Council Meeting  
June 12, 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, 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 5/22/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 6/6/12
- c. May Financial Report

**Departmental Reports:**

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

**Bid Opening:** Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened sealed bids received for the Pinebutte Drive Overlay Project. The following bids were received:

CMG Construction	\$449,894.00
Century Construction	\$518,322.00

Mr. Jackson and Public Works Director Bleth will review the bids during the rest of the meeting and report back with a recommendation later in the meeting.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Lu Shomate, Executive Director at the Schoolhouse History and Art Center (SHAC), reported on recent and upcoming activities at SHAC and their Summer Program.

Jim Atchison, representing SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported they will be making their annual membership presentation next month to the City Council. There will be a Tax Increment Finance training class in Miles City sponsored by SEMDC on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 2012-04. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Mayor Hanser opened the Variance Hearing for 521 Poplar Drive at 7:29 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan explained the property owners removed the steps to the front entrance of their home to replace it with a deck and steps and realized they needed a permit. The new deck and steps would not extend any farther than the concrete steps that were removed but extend three feet into the front setback requirement. No objections or comments from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:32 pm. Councilperson Williams moved to approve a Three (3) foot Variance to the front setback at 521 Poplar for a deck and steps. Councilperson Jankowski seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Hanser opened the Variance Hearing for 519 Willow Avenue at 7:34 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan explained the variance is for a septic system for a new shop building for the City of Colstrip's Public Works Department. Councilperson Jankowski asked what the cost difference is for the septic system versus hooking up to the city's sewer system. Tracy Haag of Kadmas, Lee and Jackson explained the cost to hook up the new shop to city water and sewer services is in excess of \$175,000. The existing septic system does not meet current codes. No objections or comments from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:40 pm. Councilperson Stewart moved to approve a Variance at 519 Willow Avenue for a new septic system. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Special Event Permits to allow fireworks during Colstrip Days at 21 Yucca Drive and 10 Olive Drive. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Walt Donges addressed the City Council regarding the Colstrip Moose Lodge's application for a Special Event Permit for a dance in their parking lot during Colstrip Days. Acting Police Chief Hert reported he had been contacted by the manager of the Moose Lodge for a permit to sell alcohol outside of the lodge at the dance but the State of Montana's Liquor Control Division stated they could not sell alcohol outdoors on their own property. Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Special Event Permit for a dance in the parking lot of the Colstrip Moose Lodge on June 23, 2012 with the stipulation that any sale or distribution of alcohol be in accordance with State of Montana regulations. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to sponsor a grant application to the Montana Coal Board for the Schoolhouse History and Art Center contingent upon the submission of cost estimates and final approval by the City Council prior to submission of the grant application. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked about any expense to the city. Mayor Hanser explained there would be no expense to the city. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Community Transportation Enhancement Program Project Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for the Wild Horse Park Project in the amount of \$50,000. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to accept the proposal from Arbor Tree Tech Service for tree trimming services in the amount of \$5,800.00. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to table proposed Ordinance 12-05. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: It was clarified that proposed Ordinance No. 12-04 will be revised and combined with this proposed ordinance and the revised ordinance submitted for first reading at the next City Council meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve soliciting bids for the renovation of the Animal Pound facility. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson addressed the City Council regarding the task order to provide consulting services in general planning and facilitating a planning and zoning workshop. Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Task Order No. 10 with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson for Planning Services in the amount of \$13,500.00. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson and Public Works Director Bleth reviewed the two bids submitted for the Pinebutte Drive Overlay Project and recommend approving the low bid submitted by CMG Construction. Councilperson Williams moved to award the bid for the Pinebutte Drive Overlay Project to CMG Construction in the amount of \$449,894.00 with a \$20,000 contingency. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R12, providing for the hiring process of police officers. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: It was clarified that the Mayor is the hiring authority and will make the final decision. Councilperson Williams commented the exception to this resolution would be the hiring of the Police Chief since that position would need to be approved by the City Council. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

A Budget/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer