

City Council Meeting
July 24, 2012

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Acting Police Chief Cory Hert, City Attorney Gary Ryder, 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 Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 7/10/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 7/20/12

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation:

Lu Shomate, Director at the Schoolhouse History and Art Center, updated the City Council on recent activities at SHAC. They will be meeting to prepare the Coal Board Grant Application that the City of Colstrip agreed to sponsor. Their annual fundraising golf tournament was held last weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Hanser asked to waive the reading of Ordinance 2012-04 in its entirety and a motion. Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the second and final reading of revised Ordinance 2012-04 regarding the adoption of fees for zoning permits, variances, building permits and construction fees. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Variance at 421 Olive Drive at 7:19 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan explained the request is from Youth Dynamics to operate from 421 Olive Drive, a residential home. Currently they are located in the IBES Community Learning Center but need additional space for more employees but there is no room available at that location. Off-street parking would need to be addressed since the requirement is 3 parking spaces and there is only two available.

Peter Degel, Chief Executive Officer of Youth Dynamics, explained the services the organization provides to local youth. Mr. Degel stated this would not be a group home or shelter. No one will live there or stay overnight. It would be used as office space only. Most of the time the employees go to client's homes instead of them coming to the office so there should not be that much additional traffic. Additional parking could be solved by installing a cement pad in the back yard with alley access. The school district has been contacted to ask if their parking lot across the street could be utilized also. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve a Conditional Use Variance for Youth Dynamics at 421 Olive Drive contingent upon the submission of written specific utilization of the property. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

George Reidel, 710 Poplar Drive, explained he and his wife are seeking payment in the amount of \$15,314.59 for damages experienced from a sewer backup into their home. They do have insurance coverage but the maximum allowed is \$5,000 which they did receive. City Attorney Ryder addressed the claim and reported the Goodwill Committee met with the homeowners and voted to offer them \$5,000 but the committee does not support any additional award. Public Works Director Bleth explained the sewer mains in this area are cleaned every three months. MMIA denied liability on behalf of the city. Councilperson Williams moved to table until the next meeting. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the purchase of a Water Treatment Zone 1 Pump in the amount of \$13,636.00. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer