

City Council Meeting
July 10, 2012

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Lawretta Miller, Evan Stewart, John Williams and 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 Jankowski seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 6/26/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 7/5/12

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.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser commented on the recent fires and expressed her appreciation to the firefighters and the community's response to help the firefighters and evacuees.

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported SEMDC is providing assistance to the area businesses that have been affected by the wild fires. Mr. Atchison gave his annual membership presentation explaining the benefits of membership and the services provided by SEMDC.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Hanser asked to waive the reading of Ordinance 2012-04 in its entirety and a motion. Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the first reading of revised Ordinance 2012-04 regarding the fees for zoning permits, building permits and construction fees. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked if the wording of the last sentence of the ordinance would prevent the City Council from changing the fee schedule if

the Building Inspector doesn't recommend it. Attorney Ryder said he can reword the sentence to clarify the intent. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to remove the Colstrip City Shop from the table. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to reject the bids and accept the recommendation from the engineers and Public Works Director Bleth to rebid the project this winter. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to remove the Animal Pound Renovation Project from the table. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to reject the bids on the Animal Pound Project. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Acting Policy Chief Hert commented he doesn't feel it is justified spending \$100,000 on the facility due to its limited use. He recommends fixing the sewer and drain issues but other than minor repairs the facility is sufficient. Councilperson Williams concurred it is too much money for the limited use of the facility and if the project is rebid to limit the scope of the project. Councilperson Miller asked if funds are budgeted for this project and not used, can they be used for the City Shop project instead. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the City Council can transfer money within and among the same fund with a simple budget transfer resolution. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R13, employee compensation increases. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve joining the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Mayor Hanser reminded everyone of the Budget Committee meeting next Tuesday at 5:45 pm.

Councilperson Williams reminded there is a Montana Coal Board meeting July 20th in Billings.

Councilperson Williams also mentioned the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference will be in Kalispell in October and the league will be preparing for the next legislative session.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer