

City Council Meeting  
August 28, 2012

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

Also Present: Public Works Director John Bleth, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Acting Police Chief Cory Hert, 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 Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 8/14/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 8/23/12
- c. July Financial Report

**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.

**Bid Opening – Emergency Warning System**

City Clerk/Treasurer Richards opened bids received for the Emergency Warning System. One bid was received from Industrial Communications in the amount of \$93,797.00. Councilperson Williams moved to give the Mayor the authority to award the bid to Industrial Communications depending on review by Public Works Director Bleth and Acting Police Chief Hert.

Councilperson Jankowski seconded. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart would prefer to have a recommendation come back to City Council for award of the bid. Councilpersons Stewart and Miller voted nay. Councilpersons Williams and Jankowski voted in favor. Mayor Hanser voted nay. Motion failed 2-3. The bid will be reviewed and a recommendation made for award presented at the next meeting.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Hanser requested dead animals, especially skunks, not be disposed of in garbage containers. The Public Works Department will dispose of dead animals left on the city right-of-way. The Police Department is providing live traps for those who request one for trapping skunks. The Fish & Game Warden would like all dead deer within city limits reported to them.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Pete Peters, 123 Cherry Street, commented on the proposal to divide the town in half in the new Montana Legislative Redistricting Plan. Mr. Peters has submitted his comments to the Districting and Apportionment Commission. Public comment is being accepted and Mr. Peters encouraged city residents to voice their opinion.

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. for the 2012-2013 Budget Hearing. No objections or comments were received either in person or in writing. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:46 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

City Judge Gail Beckham requested the City Council approve a Regular Part-time Court Clerk position. Judge Beckham noted the City Council budgeted this position at 12 hours per week but she doesn't feel this would be enough to cover the training course available, trials, hearings lasting longer than anticipated and additional hours to keep the court office open 16 hours per week when the judge is gone. Councilperson Stewart made a motion to approve a regular part-time court clerk position at 12 hours per week at \$12.00 per hour. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller made a motion to amend to 14 hours per week instead of 12 hours. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski noted the additional 2 hours per week would be to address the training needs and trials/hearings. Councilperson Stewart prefers leaving it at 12 hours per week. Councilpersons Jankowski and Miller voted in favor of the amendment. Councilpersons Williams and Stewart voted nay. Mayor Hanser voted in favor. Amendment approved 3-2. Main motion approved as amended with Councilpersons Williams, Miller and Jankowski voting in approval and Councilperson Stewart voting nay.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R14 with an amendment of an additional \$2,300 in the City Court budget for the Court Clerk to be deducted from the capital improvement fund transfer. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked about using other funds within the judge's budget to offset the additional \$2,300 needed for the court clerk. Councilperson Stewart made a motion to amend to deduct \$600 from the City Judge's overtime budget and \$1,700 from the capital improvement transfer. Councilperson Jankowski seconded. No further discussion. Amendment approved with all in favor. Main motion approved as amended with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R15, setting the mill levy at 30.30 mills for the 2013 fiscal year. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked if the mill levy is 30.30 or 29.31. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained 29.31 mills are for the general fund only; 30.30 are for all levied funds. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the purchase of new TASERS for the Police Department in the amount of \$8,890.78. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the purchase of a Radio Repeater in the amount of \$7,770.10 as requested by Public Works Director Bleth. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve contracting with C&C Sealcoating for the seal coat of streets in the Sweetgrass Subdivision in the amount of \$8,200.00. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to send the Goodwill Policy to the Goodwill Committee for review and a recommendation for any changes. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to postpone the Policy Manual and Procedure Manual agenda items until October to give the employee collective bargaining units time for review and comment. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No public comment or council discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to proceed with the recommendations from the Zoning Commission regarding garage size exceptions, permitted projections into setback requirements, and minimum single family dwelling size and have City Attorney Ryder prepare an ordinance to adopt them. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No public comment or council discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer