

**CITY OF COLSTRIP  
CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting  
June 24, 2008

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance City Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Dan Becker, Betty Jo Ellison, Rick Harbin and Susan Hert

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Jan Morgan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

**Bid Opening:**

City Clerk/Treasurer Richards opened sealed bids received as advertised for the UV Disinfection Equipment Installation. The following bid was received:

Johnson Wilson Constructors, Inc.	\$92,500.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$80,000.00

The bids will be reviewed by the project engineer, Morrison Maierle, and a recommendation will be submitted to the City Council for award at the next meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 6/10/08 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 6/20/08
- c. May Treasurer's Report
- d. Wire Transfer for Water & Sewer Bond Payments

**Departmental Reports:**

In addition to written information included in the council's packets Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, Police Chief Reinlasoder, Public Works Supervisor Bleth, City Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards gave departmental reports.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

The Public Hearing for a variance at 2545 Lariat Court was opened at 7:25 p.m. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Morgan introduced the variance request and explained it is for the construction of a shop building to exceed the maximum size by 336 feet. No comments or objections from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams will be attending a League of Cities & Towns Board Meeting in Helena on Thursday. He will then be in Billings on Friday for the quarterly Coal Board Meeting.

The City's 10-Year Anniversary will be this fall in November. An Open House will be planned for the new City Hall this fall also. Mayor Williams suggests celebrating the two milestones together. Meetings will be set up for everyone interested in assisting with the celebrations.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Harbin moved to confirm the appointment of Ryan Dunster as a Police Officer as required by 7-32-4108 MCA. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Hert moved to approve the Variance Request for 2545 Lariat Court for a shop building to exceed the maximum size by 336 feet. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Councilperson Ellison abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve Lift Station "C" Change Order #2 for electrical changes and other miscellaneous changes in the amount of \$5,915.00. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve Lift Station "C" Change Order #3 for pump panel modifications in the amount of \$6,264.00. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Becker moved to approve Lift Station "C" Change Order #4 for additional pump cable in the amount of \$2,649.00. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the request by Police Chief Reinlasoder to order 6 In-Car Video Cameras for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 on or after July 1, 2008. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the recommendation of Mayor Williams to increase the wages of Full-time and Part-time employees by \$1.14 per hour effective July 1, 2008.

Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Councilpersons Hert and Becker abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Councilpersons Ellison and Harbin voted in favor; Mayor Williams voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the recommendation of Mayor Williams to increase the wages of all Reserve Police Officers to \$17.00 per hour effective July 1, 2008. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Becker moved to approve the recommendation of Mayor Williams to increase the compensation of Seasonal Employees to \$11.00 per hour effective July 1, 2008. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Becker moved to approve the recommendation of Mayor Williams to increase the compensation of City Council members to \$400 per month effective July 1, 2008.

Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Councilpersons Harbin and Hert voted nay. Councilpersons Ellison and Becker voted aye; Mayor Williams voted in favor. Motion carried 3-2.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the recommendation of Mayor Williams to begin compensating the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief positions at \$600 and \$300 per month respectively, effective July 1, 2008. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if this issue could be revisited if future Chief and/or Assistant Chiefs are compensated by their employer. Mayor Williams stated this can be revisited later if circumstances change. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer