

City Council Meeting
November 13, 2012

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: Public Works Director John Bleth, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Fire Chief Ryan Reid and City Attorney Gary Ryder

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 Stewart withdrew his motion. Councilperson Miller moved to remove the Fire Board Appointment from the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller asked if the board appointment was advertised for and what was the process used to fill the vacancy on the Fire Board. Fire Chief Reid explained since the person resigning from the board was employed by Western Energy they asked if someone else from that company would like to serve. The board vacancy was not advertised. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the minutes and claims. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment was received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 10/23/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 11/19/12

Councilperson Stewart moved to postpone the Fire Board Appointment until the vacancy can be advertised for volunteers. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams agrees that it should be put out to the public to see if there is any interest and the Mayor make a recommendation to the City Council. Motion carried with all in favor.

Departmental Reports:

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

Bid Opening:

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened the single bid received for the Woodrose Sewer Rehab Project. The bid bond was included, the bid was properly signed and the addendum acknowledged. The following bid was received:

Western Municipal Construction	\$95,135.00
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The engineer's estimate for the project is \$85,436.00. Mr. Jackson and Public Works Director Bleth will review the bid and return with a recommendation.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution 2012-R18, adopting a Property Management Policy for property owned by the City of Colstrip. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented this is a good policy and good foundation. He commented it would have helped if it had been in place last year but this will assist future City Councils when the issue arises. No public comment was received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to waive the reading in its entirety and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2012-06, adopting amendments to the Zoning Code. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart thanked the Zoning Commission for their time in developing this recommendation. No public comment was received. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Stewart made a motion to approve the Court Clerk position description as submitted by the City Judge. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Montana Department of Administration. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked if this requires the city to utilize the service or can the city still publicly bid. Mayor Hanser explained the agreement does not require equipment be purchased from the state it only enables the city to do so. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the purchase of a snow plow in the amount of \$5,195 as requested by Public Works Director Bleth. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R21, declaring the intent to donate a 1982 Fire Truck to the Ashland Fire District. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to award the Woodrose Sewer Rehab Project bid to Western Municipal Construction in the amount of \$95,135.00. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented he doesn't like the additional \$10,000 over the engineers estimate but the repair needs done to avoid additional sewage backup into resident's homes. Carl Jackson explained the cost difference is the price of the sewer pipe. The other costs were in line with the estimate. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Williams commented on the Public Hearings being held in the area regarding the Tongue River Railroad to transport coal from the Otter Creek Coal tracts and the tremendous benefit it will be to Southeastern Montana. Mayor Hanser went to the meeting today in Forsyth and

reported currently the environmental impact is the only issue being considered at this point. Councilperson Williams asked about the City Council writing a letter of support of the railroad.

Councilperson Stewart asked about the Montana Legislative Redistricting hearing this Thursday. Mayor Hanser will be in Helena to attend the hearing. The Rosebud County Commissioners gave permission for the Mayor to speak on their behalf in favor of the City of Colstrip's position that Colstrip should not be divided and should be included with the northern part of the county.

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Mayor Hanser reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer