

City Council Meeting
January 8, 2013

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

Also Present: Public Works Director John Bleth, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, City Attorney Gary Ryder 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. Discussion: Councilperson Miller moved to amend the minutes regarding the Amerilert Contract. Councilperson Stewart mentioned there was no action on the Amerilert System in the minutes; only a question was asked regarding the claims. Councilperson Miller withdrew her motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 12/20/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 1/04/13

Departmental Reports:

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

Attorney Ryder explained the covenants are still in place in the Sweetgrass Subdivision Area but are not enforceable by the City of Colstrip and cannot be changed by the City Council. The City can adopt zoning regulations but they do not replace the covenants, they are in addition to the covenants. The covenants are enforceable by private action.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser will be attending the Colstrip Day reception in Helena on Monday, January 14th.

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison, representing SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, reported he will be attending "Colstrip Day" at the Montana Legislature in Helena on Monday and on Tuesday is a trade show. Jim reported on the mining permit process for the Otter Creek Coal Tracts and encouraged everyone to attend any of the meetings and participate in the process. The meetings will be held next week in Broadus, Ashland and Lame Deer. Mr. Atchison encouraged the City Council to reappoint Councilperson Williams to the SEMDC Board stating he has been very productive during his tenure on the board.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Stewart nominated Councilperson Miller to be Chairman of the Council. Councilperson Miller nominated Councilperson Jankowski. Councilperson Miller declined the nomination. Councilperson Williams seconded the nomination of Councilperson Jankowski. Mayor Hanser asked for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Mayor Hanser closed the nominations. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the following committee/board appointments:

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| Public Safety Committee: | Councilpersons Stewart and Jankowski |
| Public Works Committee: | Councilpersons Williams and Jankowski |
| Personnel Committee: | Councilpersons Stewart and Miller |
| Tree Board: | Councilperson Jankowski |
| SEMDC Board: | Councilperson Williams |

Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart made a motion to move forward with updating the Public Works Director position description. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams asked if the new position description would be brought back to the City Council for approval. Mayor Hanser stated it would. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into executive session at 7:43 pm to discuss a litigation issue. The meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer