

City Council Meeting  
May 14, 2013

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

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 Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, City Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

**Consent Agenda:**

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Minutes and Claims Roster only from the Consent Agenda and address the Police Commission separately. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Hanser received two letters of interest for the Police Commission vacancy. One letter was received prior to the submission deadline and the other after the deadline. Councilperson Stewart made a motion to appoint Cheryl Fulkerson to the Police Commission. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Bid Opening:**

City Clerk/Treasurer Richards opened sealed bids received for the Wild Horse Park Trail Project. The following bids were received:

Millenium Construction & Contracting	\$49,094.00
Matriarch Construction	\$83,810.71
Total Asphalt Repair	\$48,313.53

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

**Departmental Reports:**

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

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Hanser read a Proclamation declaring May 19-25, 2013 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Mike Johnson, 6757 Hollister Drive, asked about the charge for water and sewer services for a service connection that is not being used. He doesn't think it is fair to pay for a service that is not being used.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Building/Zoning Official Morgan introduced the Variance Request from Dan and Leigh Karpack for property at 2209 Primrose Drive. The variance is to allow an addition to the back of their house to extend up to 20 inches into the side setback requirement of ten feet. Leigh Karpack explained that their house is square but their lot is not; it is a trapezoid shape and reason for the variance request. Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Variance Request based on the peculiar shape of the property is a basis for hardship. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented he feels the variance is within the intent of the code and only affects a small corner of the property. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to table action on Resolution 2013-05, until further information is provided. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked for clarification whether the motion is to table or postpone action. Councilperson Williams stated his motion is to table. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams asked how the program works. Police Chief Hert explained the benefits of participating in the task force. Councilperson Miller commented on the undercover agents and vehicles that are provided by the task force also. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart made a motion to approve a contract with Total Asphalt Repair in the amount of \$5,245.50 for street repairs. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart made a motion to approve contracting with C&C Sealcoating for seal coating city streets in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

Councilperson Williams distributed copies of the report from the Montana League of Cities and Towns regarding the 2013 Montana Legislative Session.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer