

City Council Meeting
August 27, 2013

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

Absent: Mayor Rose Hanser

Also Present: Building/Planning Official Janet Morgan, City Attorney Gary Ryder, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Police Chief Cory Hert

Council President Jankowski 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 Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 8/13/13 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 8/22/13
- c. July Financial Report
- d. Journal Voucher No. 2013-07

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference is in Helena October 9, 10 & 11, 2013.

Public Comment and Participation:

Lu Shomate, representing Schoolhouse History and Art Center at 400 Woodrose Street, updated the City Council on the handicap ramp and foundation repair project. Lu reported that the attendance at SHAC during the past fiscal year was 2,225 visitors, volunteer hours were 379 and volunteer donations were \$5,090.

Council President Jankowski opened the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget Hearing at 7:13 p.m. No comments from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

Council President Jankowski opened the Solid Waste Special Assessments Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. No comments from the public were received. The hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

After receiving feedback from the police department regarding the difficulty in weighing trucks, Attorney Ryder will be submitting a revised proposed ordinance regarding truck traffic on Willow Avenue.

New Business:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Special Events Permit request for the Homecoming Parade on September 13, 2013. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R14, adopting the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-R15, setting the mill levy for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller asked about the difference in the mill levy of 31.60 and 30.15. Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained if the City Council had not chosen to budget \$108,000 to transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund the mill levy would have been 30.15. With the addition of the \$108,000 at the last Budget/Finance Committee meeting, it raised the mill levy to 31.60. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R16, approving funding for the Schoolhouse History and Art Center during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to grant an easement to NorthWestern Energy for the installation of electrical service to the new City Shop building. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Electrical Service Agreement with NorthWestern Energy at a cost of \$15,794.00. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked if this expense was included in the budget and why was it not part of the shop building construction bid. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards responded that the cost is included in the budget but she does not have any information on why it was not part of the building project bid. City Council would like this looked into and a response provided to them. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Williams reported the Coal Board meeting has been moved from August to September 26 & 27, 2013 in Billings. Councilperson Williams has been re-appointed as Chairperson of the Coal Board by the Governor.

Adjournment:

Council President Jankowski adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer