

City Council Meeting  
August 13, 2013

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

Absent: Councilperson John Williams

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Public Works Director Jake Prentiss, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan and Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan

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 Jankowski 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 7/23/13 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 8/9/13
- c. Journal Voucher Nos. 2013-05 & 2013-06

**Departmental Reports:**

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

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Hanser reminded everyone of the Energy Open being held in Colstrip this Thursday and Friday organized by SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Isaiah Gregory, representing the organization "Up with People", explained the organization will be in the area September 9-15 doing community service in Ashland and Lame Deer and also putting on anti-bullying workshops at all local middle schools. First Interstate Bank, St. Labre Indian School, and Chief Dull Knife College are local sponsors. Up with People is a non-profit organization based in Denver, Colorado whose goal is to bridge cultural barriers and create global understanding.

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, gave his annual membership presentation.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to leave the Council's compensation at \$400 per month plus \$35 per committee meeting, conference day, etc. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R11, an amended plat of Block 4, Cimarron Subdivision. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R12, an amended plat of Block 2, Stillwater Subdivision. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-R13, approving budget transfers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Court Clerk position description. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve increasing the Court Clerk hours to 16 hours per week or .4 full-time equivalent. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart doesn't have a strong reason for or against this motion and doesn't feel comfortable voting in favor of it because he is not persuaded. He did thank the City Judge for providing the additional information regarding her request at the Budget Committee meeting. No public comment received. Councilperson Jankowski and Miller voted in favor. Councilperson Stewart voted nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Public Works Director Prentiss explained his request to purchase a new pickup to replace the 1999 Ford pickup he is currently driving. He is requesting a ½ ton pickup instead of a 1 ton pickup that is normally purchased. Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the purchase of a 2013 Ford ½ ton F150 pickup from Heberle Ford in the amount of \$24,820.00 for the Public Works Department. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski stated even though the budget has not been approved he doesn't foresee any changes from the preliminary budget or issues with adoption of the budget. No public comment received. Councilperson Miller and Jankowski voted in favor. Councilperson Stewart voted nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Public Works Director Prentiss presented a proposal to purchase a new refuse collection truck. Councilperson Stewart moved to proceed with solicitation of bids for a new refuse collection truck. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Attorney Ryder prepared proposed Ordinance 2013-03 for weight restrictions on Willow Avenue due to the heavy truck traffic causing damage to the city's water and sewer infrastructure. Willow Avenue was not built for heavy truck traffic. Mayor Hanser stated waivers could be made available for deliveries to local businesses where no other route is available. Public Comment: Ryan Reid, 533 Poplar, owns a business and is concerned of the ability of the freight trucks to deliver products to his business. Mayor Hanser reiterated waivers would be given to delivery trucks that would have no other route to local businesses. Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve moving forward with the ordinance and include a waiver for businesses that would be impacted by the ordinance. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller asked how the waiver would work when a truck is delivering. Mayor Hanser and Attorney Ryder explained how the permit process would work. Attorney Ryder will prepare the waiver language. Councilperson Stewart voted nay. Councilpersons Miller and Jankowski voted in favor. Motion carried 2-1.

Councilperson Miller moved to increase the solid waste special assessments for the 300-gallon containers to \$168.00 per year per pickup per container. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adopt the Preliminary 2013-204 Fiscal Year Budget as approved by the Budget/Finance Committee. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

Mayor Hanser reported a Deer Management meeting will be held on August 20th at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer