City Council Meeting
September 10, 2013

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilmembers Tom Jankowski, John Williams, and Lawretta Miller

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan, Public Works Director Jake Prentiss, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, and Deputy Clerk Paula Peplow

Absent: Councilmember Evan Stewart and City Attorney Gary Ryder

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Peplow called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

a) Minutes of 8/27/13 Regular Meeting
b) Claims Roster 9/5/13
c) Journal Voucher Nos. 2013-08 & 2013-09

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Public Works Director Prentiss, and Fire Chief Reid. Jan Morgan introduced Gary Parry, Chairman of the Planning Board. Mr. Parry presented Council the 2013 Growth Policy and the Planning Board Resolution. Councilmember Jankowski and Mayor Hanser commended the committee on the time and effort placed into the Growth Policy. Councilmember Jankowski had a couple of questions for the Public Works Director concerning the Pine Butte Drive and City Shop Projects. Public Works Director Prentiss answered Councilmember Jankowski's questions.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser handed out to Council the letter sent to businesses within Colstrip regarding the Cardboard Recycling Program with three options for the program. The issue of the Cardboard Recycling Program will be placed on the agenda at the next Council meeting on September 24, 2013.

Mayor Hanser also addressed the electrical service at the city shop and stated the property owner is responsible for bringing any electrical lines onto the property.

Public Comments:
Rick McCulloch of 4323 Ballantine Drive thanked the city for the millings that were laid on Ballantine Drive and would like the city to make sure it is maintained. Mr. McCulloch also had concerns his 96 gallon garbage container had not been completely emptied three times in the last month. Mr. McCulloch stated he would pay more to have a 300 gallon garbage container.

Ken Stokes of 11 Sage Court asked what had been decided on the water and sewer rates. Mayor Hanser stated the City Council had taken no action. Notices would be posted if any further action is taken on water and sewer rates.

Pat Campbell of 4417 Remington Drive asked if there is a 200 gallon garbage container perhaps this could be a compromise for residents not being able to retain a 300 gallon container. Mr. Campbell also stated if the cardboard program is too expensive it should be discontinued.

Unfinished Business:
Mayor Hanser stated Attorney Ryder is working on Ordinance 2013-03 regarding Truck Traffic on Willow Avenue.

The Solid Waste Special Assessments will remain under unfinished business.

New Business:
Building/Planning Official Morgan presented Variance Request for 4417 Remington Drive. Pat Campbell of 4417 Remington Drive spoke to Council as to why he is requesting a variance and also gave reasons for hardship, such as; there is no land available to purchase to build a structure to store his equipment and the cooley located on his property can't be used to build a structure. Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve the Variance Request for 4417 Remington Drive. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Williams stated it is important to recognize the hardship when the motion is made. Councilmember Miller stated it is important to keep the businesses open that operate in Colstrip. Councilmember Jankowski made a friendly amendment to his motion to include land purchase availability and the cooley located on the property which prohibits a structure being built. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Hanser reported information was placed on the city's website regarding water use restrictions. As of September 3, 2013 the city has not exceeded PPl's water usage limit. Rick McCulloch of 4323 Ballantine Drive asked the city to allow residents to drill wells for watering purposes. Councilmember Williams stated there are no restrictions in place prohibiting wells being dug within Colstrip for sprinkling purposes, however; the well service cannot be connected to the home.

Councilmember Jankowski moved to approve Change Order No. 1/Pine Butte Drive Rehabilitation Phase 2 in the amount of $50,000. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Jankowski stated the Council has passed two change orders with large dollar amounts without representation from KLJ to explain why the change orders occurred. Public Works Director Prentiss addressed this issue. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilmember Jankowski asked if the millings laid on Ballantine Drive will be seal coated. Mayor Hanser stated this is an item on the next agenda.

Mayor Hanser adjourned meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Paula Peplow

Paula Peplow, Deputy Clerk