

City Council Meeting
September 24, 2013

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

Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and Lawretta Miller

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

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 Consent Agenda. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented on the expenditures in the Safety Program Budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 9/10/13 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 9/19/13
- c. August Financial Report
- d. Journal Voucher No. 2014-01

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: None.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Ryder will have Ordinance 2013-03 prepared for first reading at the next council meeting.

The City Council discussed cardboard recycling and whether the city should continue providing the service. Councilperson Williams feels the city should go back to the previous system of having a private company provide one container for cardboard that individuals and businesses may deposit cardboard into themselves and for the company to empty the container instead of the city collecting and baling the cardboard. He would like to know how the other council members feel before a decision is made. Councilperson Stewart agreed with Councilperson

Williams. This discussion will continue at the next City Council when more council members are present to make a final decision.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R17, establishing solid waste special assessments for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with Councilpersons Stewart and Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-R18, adopting the 2013 update to the city's Growth Policy. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Public comment: Gary Parry, 6823 Cimarron and member of the Planning Board, thanked Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan for her work on this document. Gary explained there are three priority items in the policy: 1) land use; 2) economics; and 3) housing. He advised this policy should be adopted with serious consideration for implementation and use. A commitment of funds and personnel from the city will be necessary to accomplish the goals set forth in the policy.

Council Discussion: Councilperson Williams had the following suggestions:

- 1) Asked in the Housing Needs section if they are referring to an assisted living facility and if so, specifically identify it in the document
- 2) In the Public Health section of Local Services, he suggested adding "low-cost" to the lunch that is provided to the senior citizens
- 3) In the Wastewater System of Public Infrastructure, the agreement with CPRD should be referenced
- 4) In the Water System section of Public Infrastructure, reference the raw water transportation agreement. The pump and intakes at the river are owned by the power plant owners and are maintained by PPL
- 5) Insert the ownership of the power plants and their respective percentage of ownership
- 6) The Colstrip Sportsman's Club and Trap Club need clarified
- 7) Fire & Wildland Fire Potential - 'First' should be 'Fire' and protection is provided by the city's Volunteer Fire Department, they are not a separate entity
- 8) Commented on the number of mills referenced in the section describing CPRD and on the next page the comment that CPRD services are available to residents at no cost isn't accurate since the residents are funding the district with their tax dollars. Also should mention CPRD receives Coal Gross Proceeds tax
- 9) In the Strategy for Public Infrastructure section, there is a paragraph that doesn't make sense and asked for clarification
- 10) He also suggested numbering the pages of the entire document

Councilperson Williams made a motion to amend to postpone action on Resolution No. 2013-R18 in order for the Planning Board to consider the suggested changes. Councilperson Stewart seconded. Amendment carried with Mayor Hanser and Councilpersons Williams and

Stewart voting in favor. Main motion carried as amended with Mayor Hanser and Councilpersons Williams and Stewart voting in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the contract with C&C Sealcoating to sealcoat (not crack-seal) Appaloosa, Sweetgrass and Prairieview Drives in the amount of \$24,865.00. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with Councilpersons Stewart and Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to accept the proposal from C&C Sealcoating to sealcoat streets in the R-4 district that received millings, approximately 47,281 square feet, in the amount of \$10,875.00. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: A formal contract will be presented at the next meeting but the work will be performed as soon as possible, weather permitting. No public comment received. Motion carried with Councilpersons Stewart and Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into Executive Session at 8:07 to discussion litigation and personnel issues. They returned from executive session at 8:37 pm

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer