

City Council Meeting
January 14, 2014

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons John Williams, Greg Koczur and Lawretta Miller

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan, City Attorney Gary Ryder and Assistant Fire Chief Rob Pontius

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

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 12/19//13 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 1/8/14
- c. December Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Pontius and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser reported the Planning Board is not interested in taking on the duties and functions of the Zoning Commission.

Mayor Hanser introduced the newest member the City Council, Mr. Greg Koczur.

Public Comment and Participation:

Matalyn Onstad, representing Liberty National Life Insurance Company, asked to meet with city employees to present coverage available with their company for city employees.

Jim Atchison, 7504 Castle Rock Lake Drive, submitted a recap of the public meeting held by SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation in December. Five projects were identified and will be investigated which are: 1) Community Marketing Effort; 2) Integrated Emergency Response System; 3) Improved Community Communications; 4) Retirement/Elderly Care Community; and 5) Housing and Availability of Land Plan.

Ken Stokes, 11 Sage Court, complained about the skating pond in the cul-de-sac where he lives. He would like the snow plowed in his cul-de-sac. He doesn't feel he should have to call and request the street be plowed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the following Council Committee appointments;

Personnel	Jankowski and Miller
Planning and Zoning	Miller
Public Safety	Koczur and Williams
Public Works	Jankowski and Koczur
SEMDC Board	Williams

Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve the appointments to the Planning Board:

Cheryl Fulkerson	1 year term
Dan Schmidt	3 year term

Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve contracting with Public Sector Personnel Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for a Compensation Study Update, to be future thinking and work towards future updates being done by the Personnel Committee. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Koczur would like to see a five-year plan included in the study and also what the community can sustain in employee's compensation for the next 5-10 years. Councilperson Miller commented that she is not in favor of the service due to the high cost and feels it can be done ourselves. No public comment received.

Councilpersons Williams and Koczur voted in favor. Councilperson Miller voted nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the proposal from Valuations Northwest Inc. to proceed with the appraisal and inventory service in the amount of \$6,566.00. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation for Gary Ryder to continue as City Attorney. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller feels it would be a good idea to continue with Mr. Ryder due to the unresolved legal matters. Councilperson Williams concurs with Miller regarding the unresolved legal matters and 14 years of experience with the city. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R01, declaring surplus equipment. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams commented he read an article regarding reserve police officers where they assign old vehicles to Reserve Police Officers and equip them with radios, old police cars, etc. He asked Police Chief Hert to look into this option. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R02, approving the First Amended and Restated Water System Revenue Bonds and reducing the 2001A Bond from \$563,000 to \$215,000 and 2002 Bond from \$829,000 to \$412,000 at a 2% interest rate instead of 4%. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R03, approving the First Amended and Restated Wastewater System Revenue Bonds and reducing the 2001 Bond from \$300,000 to \$115,000 and 2002 Bond from \$503,000 to \$250,000 at a 2% interest rate instead of 4%. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R04, regarding tax-exempt compliance procedure for the revenue bonds. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

The City Council went into executive session at 8:00 pm due to pending litigation issues. Council returned from executive session at 8:25 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer