

City Council Meeting  
February 25, 2014

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

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

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

- a. Minutes of 2/11/14 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/20/14
- c. January Financial Report

**Departmental Reports:**

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

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Councilperson Williams suggested copies of information be made available at the meetings such as the claims roster, department reports, resolutions, etc for the public so they can see what is being discussed by the council during the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approved Resolution No. 2013-R07, regarding participation in the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority's Workers' Compensation Insurance Program. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Gary Ryder as proposed. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the request of the Public Works Department to purchase a Hotsy Pressure Washer in the amount of \$6,888.60. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve honoring the Interlocal Agreement with Forsyth, Rosebud and Hysham regarding the shared sewer camera by providing \$800 for the establishment of a repair/maintenance fund and up to \$2,500 per year to replenish the fund without the City Council's prior approval. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Koczur had questions about the camera. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Human Rights Complaint Settlement Agreement between the City of Colstrip and Mercedes Kroll in the amount of \$37,124.62. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: Mayor Hanser commented that the city's insurance will be covering the payment agreed to in this settlement. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

Mayor Hanser and Councilperson Jankowski will not be available for the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hanser asked the City Council if they would like to change the meeting date or meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> with three council members present. City Council decided to change the meeting date to March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation Annual Board Meeting will be held this Friday at City Hall beginning at 12:00 pm. Representative Duane Ankeny will be speaking at the meeting.

Councilperson Williams suggested the City Council consider the option of levying to recover the amount of protested taxes the City of Colstrip had to repay due to last year's protested tax settlement.

Mayor Hanser reported PPL Montana has indicated they are not able to take on the backwash system. Councilpersons Williams and Koczur would still like to pursue this issue with PPL.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 pm to discuss litigation matters. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer