

City Council Meeting
May 27, 2014

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

Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and John Williams

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

- a. Minutes of 5/13/14 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 5/22/14
- c. April Financial Report

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The Local Government Review question will be on the Primary Election Ballot in June. A packet of information is available at the front desk at City Hall explaining what the review is.

Public Comment and Participation:

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) at 7:13 pm.

Chaun Scott of the Independent Press had some questions about CTEP that Mayor Hanser answered.

Mayor Hanser stated she had spoken with Rosebud County Commissioner Bob Lee and he requested the City of Colstrip consider donating any unused CTEP funds to the City of Forsyth for their sidewalk replacement project.

Ken Stokes, 11 Sage Court, feels the money should be used here instead of giving it to another community. He commented the gravel needs cleaned off the streets. Olive Drive is terrible. The storm drains also need cleaned.

Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:20 pm.

No other public comment was received.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to proceed with applying to CTEP to replace the 'Welcome to Colstrip' signs and if there are any extra funds they can be donated to the City of Forsyth. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams had questions about the request. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the request from the fire department to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus in the amount of \$105,504.40. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Koczur asked what will happen with the units being replaced and what is the liability if the city sells them or gives them away. Fire Chief Reid does not know what the liability would be but the units are certified every year and are currently certified. Mayor Hanser stated the City Attorney will be consulted regarding potential liability. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the request from the police department to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram pickup in the amount of \$36,674.00 as long as it follows the replacement program plan. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller asked what vehicle would be replaced. Police Chief Hert advised the car that Officer West drives would be replaced. Councilperson Koczur asked for a vehicle replacement schedule from Police Chief Hert. Public Comment: Ken Stokes, 11 Sage Court, asked if it is a Dodge pickup, what year it is and if the city receives the discounts that are advertised on TV. Chief Hert stated it is a 2014 Dodge. Mayor Hanser explained the city purchases through a government purchasing program. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Mayor Hanser would like to schedule a Budget/Finance Committee meeting to begin the budgeting process. A meeting date of June 17th at 6:00 pm was agreed upon.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer