

City Council Meeting
August 12, 2014

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

Absent: Councilperson Greg Koczur

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

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

- Minutes of 7/22/14 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/16/14
- Journal Voucher No. 2014-05

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), gave his annual membership presentation to the City Council.

Lu Shomate, representing the Schoolhouse History and Art Center (SHAC), expressed SHAC's gratitude and appreciation for sponsoring the Coal Board Grant to replace the handicap ramp and to repair the building foundation. They will provide the Coal Board with information regarding the repairs at their next meeting. Lu updated the City Council on recent and upcoming activities and events at SHAC. An audit was recently completed of SHAC's financials by Carol Ankeney.

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the variance request at 3118 Antelope Drive at 7:27 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan presented the variance request to place a 76' foot long trailer home. Due to the length of the trailer it will not fit on the lot and meet the setback

requirements without a variance to the front and back setback requirements. Mrs. Morgan recommends the City Council approve a Conditional Use instead of a Variance for this request. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:33 pm.

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the variance request at 7400 Castle Rock Lake Drive at 7:33 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan presented the variance request to expand an existing garage larger than the 1,200 square feet limitation and a variance to the side setback minimum requirement of 10 feet. Gene and Robbie Hensleigh, 7400 Castle Rock Lake Drive, spoke of the trapezoid shape of the lot. They also will be making an exercise space in the garage addition, which is necessary for Mr. Hensleigh's health. Councilperson Miller commented there is a lot of space behind the house and next to their property due to the open space and understands they cannot build their garage crooked. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:41 pm.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit instead of a Variance to the front and back setback requirements for the placement of a mobile home at 3118 Antelope Drive. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve a variance to allow a garage to exceed the 1,200 square feet limitation and a variance to the side setback requirement at 7400 Castle Rock Lake Drive due to the hardship of the shape of the lot and the way the home and garage were originally constructed. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to table Resolution No. 2014-R16 regarding the Goodwill Policy until Councilperson Koczur is present to participate. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski commented that unless there is a pressing matter and if not, does not have a problem waiting for Councilperson Koczur to be present before considering this resolution. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the Preliminary 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Mayor Hanser stated the city can increase the proposed mill levy by 3.05 mills to levy the maximum amount allowed by law by increasing the transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund #4000. Councilperson Williams asked about employee compensation increases in the budget. Mayor Hanser stated 2-3% increases are included in the budget. Councilperson Williams asked about compensation increases for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief and asked Mayor Hanser to prepare a recommendation for City Council's consideration. Councilperson Williams agrees with Mayor Hanser's suggestion to levy the maximum allowed by state law. Public Comment: Robbie Hensleigh, 7400 Castle

Rock Lake Drive, stated that a relative notified her that there is a billboard in Helena at a busy intersection that is negative towards Colstrip. Councilperson Williams amended his motion to increase the mill levy by 3.05 mills to levy the maximum allowed by law and increase the transfer to Capital Improvement Fund #4000 by \$181,914. Councilperson Jankowski seconded. No further discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss litigation matters. City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer