

City Council Meeting
October 14, 2014

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Building/Planning Official Janet Morgan, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Public Works Director Bryan Swan 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 Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams pointed out that the reference to Western Energy in Councilperson Koczur's comments under Administrative Matters should be NorthWestern Energy. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 9/23/14 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of 9/29/14 Special Meeting
- Claims Roster 10/6/14

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.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser read a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The City of Colstrip received an award at the Montana League of Cities and Towns conference from MMIA for having the lowest average incurred dollars in the workers' compensation program out of all the third-class cities in Montana during the past fiscal year.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the request from the Colstrip Fire Department to use their Christmas decorations budget for Fireman's Park to upgrade the electrical services in Fireman's Park in the amount of \$7,250.00. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski asked if Colstrip Park and Recreation District would be contributing \$2,250 or \$2,500. Fire Chief Reid responded he thinks they increased their contribution to \$2,500. Councilperson Williams commented they have had problems in the past with the electricity at Fireman's Park and feels this is a good idea. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Planning, Building, Zoning and Code Official Position Description. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski was not able to attend the council's October 6th work session regarding this position but feels this is a good idea. Councilperson Miller asked what the wage rate is for the position. Mayor Hanser responded the wage would be in accordance with the pay matrix and believes it is approximately \$18.00 per hour. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Williams asked about the city's water rights due to the discussion at the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference. Attorney Ryder responded he doesn't think the city is at risk of losing any of their water rights.

Councilperson Williams asked again about the review of charges for utility services not in use, in particular the letter from the Kilgores.

Councilperson Williams asked about a status report from Element 8 on union negotiations. Mayor Hanser responded there hasn't been much to report. The City and both unions are currently in mediation. Councilperson Williams stated a written report was specified in the contract with Element 8 and he would like to receive one.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer