

City Council Meeting
February 10, 2015

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

Absent: Mayor Rose Hanser

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

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

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams stated he requested information on the sewer backup claims and information on the unfair labor practice complaint at the last meeting but it was not listed in the minutes. No public comment received. Councilperson Koczur moved to amend the minutes to include Councilperson Williams' requests made at the last meeting. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Motion carried as amended with all in favor.

- Minutes of 1/27/15 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 2/5/15

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Assistant Police Chief Egan, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan, and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Public Comment and Participation: None received.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the letter contract with Dennis Hirsch for building inspection services at a rate of \$350 per month plus \$75 per hour and mileage on specific projects retroactive to January 1, 2015. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Koczur asked if there is a deadline for Building, Planning, Zoning & Code Official Denise Sisson to become a certified building inspector. Attorney Ryder stated he is not aware of a deadline but hopefully within six months. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the dissolution plan of the Eastern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Area. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Public

Comment: Jim Atchison, 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive, was the city's representative to Eastern Plains RC&D and explained they lost their federal funding several years ago and have been inactive since. The organization's by-laws stated that if it ever dissolved, the remaining assets would be split between the county conservation districts. Jim encouraged the City Council to vote in favor of the dissolution plan. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski asked if this organization was a supporter of coal. Jim stated they dealt more with agricultural and economic development issues. Motion carried with all in favor.

Attorney Ryder notified the City Council that the city may be sued regarding a Public Records Request for billing records between the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority and the attorney handling the Reinlasoder vs. City of Colstrip lawsuit. The city does not have the billing records but could request them from MMIA and redact any information contained in the billing records that constitutes strategy or provide a summary of the amounts paid. No public comment was received.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Koczur asked if the letter of support signed by Mayor Hanser regarding a local impact authority bill should have been presented to the City Council for approval first. Councilperson Williams explained there wasn't time to have the City Council act on the letter as the deadline to submit it was today at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer