

City Council Meeting
August 25, 2015

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Greg Koczur and John Williams
Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and Lawretta Miller
Also Present: Fire Chief Rob Pontius, Building/Planning/Zoning Official Denise Sisson, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

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 Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: Mayor Hanser noted the amendment to the City Code should be Section 9-1B-13 instead of 9-1B-3. No public comment received. Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

- Minutes of 8/11/15 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/19/15

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

A letter from a resident on Alder Court regarding keeping the Alder Court Project in this year's budget was received and shared with the City Council. Mayor Hanser responded to the resident that the project has been put back into the budget.

Mayor Hanser met with John Weikel from Montana Rural Water Systems. They discussed the City's responsibility vs. the responsibility of a mobile court owner and applicable state laws. Mr. Weikel will be providing the City with more information.

Public Comment:

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget at 7:21 pm. No comments received. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:21 pm.

No other public comment was received.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Williams moved to postpone second reading of Ordinance 2015-01 until the next regular meeting due to the absence of two council members. Councilperson Koczur seconded. Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R08, approving Budget Transfers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R09, amending the preliminary budget and fixing the annual appropriations for the 2015-2016 Budget. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R10 setting the Mill Levy at 62.01 mills for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R11, approving funding for the Schoolhouse History and Art Center Funding for fiscal year 2016. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the updated Capital Improvements Plan. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve the contract with Burlington Northern Railroad in the amount of \$3,603 with additional \$1,150 Railroad Protective Liability Insurance if the city does not have coverage with MMIA. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve a three year lease agreement with Montana Moose in the amount of \$1,400 per year. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Williams asked if there should be an escalator in the yearly lease amount. After further discussion, it was decided not to increase the yearly lease amount.

Councilperson Koczur moved to amend his motion to include the snow-plowing addendum.

Councilperson Williams seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion amendment carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor. Motion as amended carried with Councilperson Koczur, Councilperson Williams and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 pm to discuss a litigation matter (Reinlasoder vs. City of Colstrip). City Council returned from Executive Session a 7:51 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

DRAFT