

City Council Meeting
October 13, 2015

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons Greg Koczur and Tom Jankowski

Absent: Councilpersons Lawretta Miller and John Williams

Also Present: Fire Chief Rob Pontius, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Building/Planning/Zoning Official Denise Sisson 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 Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with Councilperson Jankowski, Councilperson Koczur and Mayor Hanser voting in favor.

- Minutes of 9/22/15 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 10/6/15

Departmental Reports:

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

Tyrel Clark from the city's engineering firm of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson gave the City Council an update on current public works projects and upcoming projects.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hanser attended the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in Bozeman last week. One of the topics of discussion is asking the Montana State Legislature to give the cities and towns the authority to levy a local option sales tax that would be approved by the local taxpayers.

Public Comment:

Jerry Harris, 1408 Piedmont Drive, has an issue with a neighbor's barking dog. He contacted the residents surrounding the owner of the barking dog. He presented a petition signed by 16 of the surrounding neighbors. He requested a copy of the police department's log regarding Mr. Harris' complaints and Attorney Schantz provided copies of these. Mr. Harris also presented his personal cell phone bill showing phone calls he made to the police department's phone number to complain about the dog. Mr. Harris has several audio recordings of the dog barking and played one for the City Council. The complaints started in May but a ticket was not written to the dog owner until September 28, 2015. Mr. Harris is wondering why it has taken since May for something to be done.

David Massey, 1378 Laramie Circle North, commented on the barking dog Mr. Harris complained about. He cannot believe the neighbors directly affected maintain their sanity due to the barking dog. He believes something needs to be done about the dog.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to ratify the grant contract with the Montana Coal Board for the Phase I Wastewater Project. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

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

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve increasing the hours of the part-time dispatch position from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Koczur asked if the hours are not increased for this position, will we lose this employee and start over with a new one. Mayor Hanser confirmed that is correct. Councilperson Jankowski doesn't see the benefit of losing someone who is trained and is good at their job. It is time consuming to recruit new employees and would put constraints on the other dispatchers.

Public Comment: None received.

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

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R14, declaring a 2008 Crown Victoria vehicle as surplus equipment. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

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

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R15, declaring the intent to sell a 2008 Crown Victoria to the City of Deer Lodge in the amount of \$5,000. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

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

Administrative Matters:

A Work Session meeting with the city's engineering firm regarding current and upcoming projects is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 26 at 8:00 am.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer