

## City Council Meeting January 26, 2016

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Tom Jankowski, Greg Koczur, Jolene Verlanic and Mike Esser

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/Zoning Official Denise Sisson, Fire Chief Rob Pontius and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

Mayor Williams 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 Esser seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 1/12/16 Special Meeting
- Claims Roster 1/20/16
- Journal Voucher Nos. 2015-11 & 2015-12

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

### **Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams reported the Drug Testing Grievance has been withdrawn by the City Employees Collective Bargaining Unit.

### **Public Comment:**

Dan Negethon, 6640 Browning Drive, is concerned of the real estate market and declining property values due to the information being circulated about shutting down of units one and two at the power plant. He would like the City Council to consider creating a task force to address the issue.

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), explained one of the services provided by SEMDC is planning. He shared information from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy community meeting held recently. Energizing the community was voted by those in attendance at the meeting as the highest priority.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the legal services contract with Gary Ryder for one year. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gail Beckham as City Judge for a four year term. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Judge Beckham commented she appreciates the confidence and support of the Mayor and City Council. Councilperson Jankowski thanked Judge Beckham for her dedication.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor. Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to Judge Beckham.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the 2015 Subdivision Regulations Revision submitted by the Planning Board. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams requested to delay the implementation of Resolution 2015-R21. The abandonment of services clause does not address properties without curb stops and there may be several requests for abandonment once the resolution is implemented. He suggested having the Public Works Committee meet and look at the impact on those that will be affected.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to delay the implementation of Resolution No. 2015-R21 until the Mayor, Public Works Committee and staff have met and developed a plan. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:40 pm regarding the Reinlasoder litigation. No action was taken during or after the Executive Session. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer