

City Council Meeting
May 12, 2009

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Betty Jo Ellison, Dan Becker, and Susan Hert

Absent: Councilperson Rick Harbin

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Reinlasoder, Building Inspector/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Jan Morgan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid and City Judge Gail Beckham

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 Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 4/28/09 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 5/09/09

Departmental Reports:

Department Reports were given by Police Chief Reinlasoder, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Morgan, Attorney Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Richards and Judge Beckham in addition to written reports provided in Council's packets.

Public Comment and Participation:

Mayor Williams opened the Conditional Use Hearing for 309 Box Elder at 7:17 p.m. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Morgan introduced the request and explained the request is for a wholesale food distributor and small gift shop called Alison's Pantry to be located in the R-4 Residential District. There are several other businesses located in close proximity to this address and Mrs. Morgan feels this would not create a problem. Mrs. Morgan talked to all of the neighboring property owners and no one has an objection.

Donna Rogers, attending on behalf of Shannon Rust who is the owner of Alison's Pantry, had nothing to add to Mrs. Morgan's comments and Council had no questions for her.

No other comments were received regarding the variance request. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams attended the Elected Officials Workshop in Billings last week and reported it was a good session with a lot of information exchanged.

A Montana League of Cities & Towns district meeting will be held in Miles City next week. Mayor Williams will be attending and invited anyone interested to join him.

Notices have been sent to utility customers regarding the proposed sewer rate increase. Mayor Williams reported the city has already received some questions from residents about the proposed increase.

Mayor Williams will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Miles City with the leadership group.

Unfinished Business: Nothing

New Business:

Councilperson Hert moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit for 309 Box Elder for Alison's Pantry for Doug and Shannon Rust. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Becker moved to approve contracting with Mike Johnson Construction for the completion of the block wall at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$13,400. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the purchase of a Clarifier Transducer at the Sewage Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,115.55. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Ellison commented on the recent drug enforcement by the police department and thanked Police Chief Reinlasoder for all the police department does.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer