

City Council Meeting March 22, 2016

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin, Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/Zoning & Code Official Denise Sisson and Fire Chief Rob Pontius.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- * Minutes of 3/8/16 Regular Meeting
- * Claims Roster 3/18/16
- * Journal Voucher No. 2016-04

Department Reports:

Reports were given by Chief Hert, Fire Chief Pontius, Planning/Zoning & Code Official Sisson, City Attorney Ryder, and Public Works Director Swan.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams explained that the city needs to replace Rick Harbin's laptop computer as it had been lost during retrieval of information for the Reinlasoder lawsuit.

Mayor Williams attended the Coal Board Meeting on March 17, 2016. The Board will have 2.56 million dollars in funds available for the year. At this time there are 16 requests for a total of 3.7 million dollars. The city may be writing a grant to assist with our Zone 3 water tank replacement.

The Christian MMIA claim has been denied as there was no negligence from the city regarding maintenance. Mayor Williams would like the Public Works Committee to review the ordinance regarding our water line responsibility.

The city has received an appeal request from a citizen regarding the bed and breakfast zoning permit. All parties have been notified that the city council will be addressing this at the April 12, 2016 meeting.

Mayor Williams explained that the city is in the process of writing a resolution in support of the power plants in Colstrip. We need to address the negative impact the closing of units 1 & 2 would affect the city and its residents.

Mayor Williams was notified that the Missoula City Council is preparing an amicus brief in support of the Clean Power Plan.

There is a weed control meeting scheduled with the Rosebud County, CPRD and Talen Energy.

City Hall will be utilized for a voting poll location as the schools will no longer be available.

Council Member Jankowski inquired if there is a way to know the difference in our tax base if 1 & 2 plants were closed. Mayor Williams explained that we do have that information and will share with all council. If our valuation decreases we are able to increase mills.

Public Comment:

Pat Campbell thanked the Council Members and Mayor that took the time to meet with Senator Daines when he was here.

New Business:

Council Member Jankowski made a motion to approve John Bradly as a new Zoning Commissioner.

Council Member Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Jankowski made a motion to appoint Jason Brewer as our representative to the Rosebud Conservations District Urban Organization. Council Member Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Williams expressed that Colstrip has had a difficult time filling this position.

Public Comment: None

Motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Verlanic made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-R05. Council Member Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Williams explained that this is to dispose of old office equipment.

Public Comment: None

Motion passed with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

None

Adjournment:

Council Member Jankowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Esser seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Tana Pippin, Deputy Clerk