

City Council Meeting April 26, 2016

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

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

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 Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic reported that EPCON Sign has not completed cleanup at the sign site on the north side of town and still owes a subcontractor. Payment will be held on Claim #21208 to EPCON Sign. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 4/12/16 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 4/22/16

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The Local Government Elected Officials and Municipal Clerk/Treasurers conference is next week in Billings. Mayor Williams, Councilperson Koczur, and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards will be attending.

Mayor Williams will be attending the CPRD Board meeting tomorrow night to discuss the Willow Avenue project and the proposed sign placement on their property.

Mayor Williams distributed information regarding the city's Goodwill Policy for Sewer Backups to the council members. The City does not have a policy for water damage. Steve Christian has estimated his expenses are approximately \$3,000. Mayor Williams asked City Council's authorization to use the process in the Goodwill Policy and apply it to the Christian's water damage. Councilperson Verlanic asked about changing the policy to include water damage. Attorney Ryder suggested a resolution on the next agenda to expand the scope of the Goodwill Policy.

Public Comment:

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 pm regarding a Coal Board Application for a \$138,000 grant for the Zone 3 Water Storage Tank. Public Works Director Swan explained the need to replace this water storage tank. No comments from the public were received. Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm regarding a Coal Board Application for a \$25,000 grant for a Colstrip Economic Diversification Strategy. Jim Atchison, SEMDC and resident at 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive, explained one of the items that came out of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy public meeting held last November was to encourage business and industry to address coal issues and to energize the community about the benefits of a responsible coal economy. SEMDC strongly supports this grant application and will write the grant and assist with the Coal Board presentation in June. A planning grant will be submitted to the MT Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund in the amount of \$25,000 and there is a possibility of up to \$50,000 from the Federal EDA Power Grant. Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the written findings and decision regarding the Appeal of the Bed and Breakfast at 4019 Prospector Drive as prepared by Attorney Ryder. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Koczur commented that all of the information needs to be submitted to the City Council. He stated not all of the information from the Zoning Commission was provided to the City Council prior to making their decision.

Public Comment: Lawretta Miller asked what the written findings and decision mean. Attorney Ryder explained it is the basis for and written decision of the action that was made at the last meeting. She asked if the letter sent to the Vasiceks is the conditional use permit or will they be receiving another document stating the city approved the conditional use permit. She doesn't feel the process is clear. Attorney Ryder stated Vasiceks could use the written findings and decision as documentation of the Conditional Use Permit approval. Mrs. Miller also asked that the members of the Zoning Commission receive copies of the letter sent out.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Dewatering Wells Agreement with Talen Energy. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the revised contract prepared by Attorney Ryder with KC Roofing for hail damage roof repairs in the amount of \$21,231.00. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Koczur asked if the City is going to keep the dog pound or bulldoze it. Mayor Williams stated the City needs to have a place to impound animals even though it is not utilized very often.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve contracting with PACE Construction for maintenance of the city's sewer mains not to exceed \$25,000. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Koczur would like to see the fountain next to City Hall fixed.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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