

City Council Meeting August 9, 2016

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Swan, Fire Chief Rob Pontius and Planning/Zoning 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 Verlanic moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 7/26/16 Special Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/5/16

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 will be attending the Montana League of Cities and Towns Resolutions Committee meeting on August 17th in Helena.

The Energy Open is in Colstrip on August 18th and 19th.

The Department of Environmental Quality is having a Public Meeting this Thursday at City Hall regarding the power plant's ash ponds.

Mayor Williams submitted his recommendation for compensation increases for the non-union employees. He explained the rationale behind his recommendation by looking at the Consumer Price Index, how much Colstrip Park and Recreation District and Rosebud County are giving their employees and the union employees raises of between \$.75 and \$1.00 per hour.

Public Comment:

Gail Beckham, City Judge, updated the City Council on the City Court's case load. 259 total cases were handled last year and at the end of July of this year they have 201 cases. Judge Beckham would like to discuss an increase in hours for the City Court.

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, notified the City Council that the federal grant request for the Economic Diversification Strategy will be awarded. All three grant requests have been approved so the project can proceed to go out for bids. Mr. Atchison invited the

Mayor and City Council to participate in the 13th Annual Energy Open that will be held in Colstrip on August 18th and August 19th with networking opportunities, tours, and a golf tournament. Jim also reported there are seven bill proposals being prepared in relation to the power plants in Colstrip. The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee will accept public comment on the bill proposals until August 25, 2016.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Special Events Permit application submitted by the Colstrip Medical Foundation for a Fundraiser BBQ. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Special Events Permit application submitted by Kelly Hert for a Wedding Reception at Rye Park. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-R11, Budget Transfers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution 2016-R12 to waive the abandonment fee and disconnect for 1207 Abilene Court, 1725 Vista Drive, 1021 Laramie Circle, 2753 Chisholm Drive, 3137 Antelope Drive, 1548 Piedmont Drive and 2804 Roundup Court. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve roof repairs at the Schoolhouse History and Art Center in the amount of \$11,124.30. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: City Attorney stated an amendment to the original contract will be prepared for these additional repairs.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Engineering Task Order 22 with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson for sidewalk and landscape improvement in the amount of \$25,740.00. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the recommendation to continue the solid waste special assessments at \$112.50 per year for 96 gallon containers and \$168.00 per container per weekly pickup for 300 gallon containers and schedule a public hearing on August 23, 2016. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 and schedule a public hearing on August 23, 2016. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Adjournment:

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer