

City Council Meeting
September 13, 2016

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Greg Koczur, Jolene Verlanic & Mike Esser

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Public Works Director Swan, and Fire Chief Rob Pontius

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 8/23/16 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 9/8/16

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Assistant Police Chief Egan, Fire Chief Pontius, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams has been in Helena twice since the last Council meeting regarding issues related to the community of Colstrip. By invitation from Governor Bullock, he listened to the presentation by the Department of Energy. He testified at the Energy and Telecommunications Legislative Interim Committee in support of the bills submitted by Senator Ankeny regarding the closure of units 1 and 2 of the power plant. One bill of the seven did not pass.

Last week Mayor Williams participated in an interview with an affiliate of FOX News and in a documentary filmed at City Hall. Real Montana will be here Friday and Mayor Williams will be part of a panel being interviewed.

Mayor Williams has been invited to Washington, D.C. later this month by the National Mining Association to push for answers for Colstrip and the coal industry.

Bid Opening:

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson opened sealed bids received for the Sidewalk and Landscape Improvements Project. The following bids were received:

Eagle Rock Timber Inc.	\$266,508.52
EHC	\$119,659.60
AV Construction	\$115,677.50
HL Construction	\$195,267.98

The bids will be reviewed by Mr. Jackson and a recommendation submitted at the end of the meeting.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation and a resident at 7405 Castlerock Lake Drive, updated the council on the status of the Colstrip Economic Diversification Strategy study. He received formal notification last week that the federal grant was approved for total grants of \$100,000 for the project. The project will be going out to bid on Monday and hopefully the study will be done by the end of the year. The plan is to hold at least two public meetings to receive any suggestions or ideas to diversify the economy. Jim attended the Department of Energy's presentation in Helena. He thanked the City of Colstrip for being a sponsor of the annual Energy Open held last month in Colstrip.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Policy Manual Update with an amendment to insert the word 'management' in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 17 as requested by Montana Public Employees Association. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve a Special Event Permit for the Homecoming Parade on September 16, 2016. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve a Special Event Permit for a Community Bonfire on September 14, 2016. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the request from the Fire Department to purchase a side by side all-terrain vehicle in the amount of \$14,495.00 from Horizon Equipment. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Police Department's request to purchase a Dodge RAM Truck in the amount of \$37,765.00 from Billion Dodge. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Public Works Department request to purchase a 1997 GMC Dump Truck in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Badland Truck Sales. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Public Works Department request to purchase a Hi-Way Spreader/sander in the amount of \$16,290 from Normont Equipment. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Public Works Department request to purchase an Envirosight Rover Camera System in the amount of \$68,800 from Normont Equipment. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked about the shared sewer camera owned with the City of Forsyth and if they would buy out the city's share. Public Works Director Swan has not informed them of our decision to purchase our own camera. Mayor Williams stated the shared camera was purchased with Coal Board grant funds. Councilperson Koczur noted that this camera is for 6" and larger lines and asked if it could be used to camera residential service lines. Mr. Swan explained there are options that can be purchased to look at smaller lines. Councilperson Koczur would like to pursue this and find out how much it would cost.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the request from the Public Works Department to purchase a 2-ton crane system for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$56,945.00 from Anderson Service, Inc. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Esser asked if this would be permanently installed. Public Works Director stated it would be.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Carl Jackson reviewed the bids and reported there were no math errors in the bid tabulations. Since the award of the bid was not scheduled on this meeting's agenda, a special meeting will be held on Friday morning at 9:00 am on September 16, 2016 to award the bid.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer