

Colstrip City Council  
Special Meeting  
September 16, 2016

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilpersons Jolene Verlanic and Mike Esser

Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and Greg Koczur

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to consider and award the bid for the Sidewalk and Landscaping Improvements Project.

There were no comments from the public.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson (KLJ) was contacted and joined the meeting via speakerphone. Mr. Jackson explained since no one was familiar with the lowest bidder references were requested and contacted. One reference had an issue with project management/timely completion of their project but said the work product was fine. Montana law states projects will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Both Mr. Jackson and Mayor Williams recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder since KLJ will have an engineer on-site during the project and there are provisions in the contract for deducts if the project is not completed on time.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to award the bid for the Sidewalk and Landscaping Improvements Project to AV Construction in the amount of \$115,677.50. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: City Attorney Gary Ryder was contacted and joined the meeting via speakerphone. The concerns regarding the lowest bidder were reviewed with Attorney Ryder. He does not have a problem awarding the bid to AV Construction.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer