

## City Council Meeting October 25, 2016

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, 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, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of 10/11/16 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 10/20/16
- Cancel Stale Warrants #29210 & 29282

### **Departmental Reports:**

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Fire Chief Pontius, Planning/Zoning & Code Official Sisson, City Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

### **Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams is recommending the sick leave conversion contained in the City Employees Bargaining Unit Agreement be available to all employees, including the Police Department Bargaining Unit employees. This was his intention when the benefit was first developed with the union.

**Special Presentation:** Rick Harbin of the Colstrip Park and Recreation District, Bill Neumiller of Talen Energy and Amy Adler of Rosebud County gave a presentation regarding the use of goats to help control noxious weeds. The City's zoning regulations allow livestock in the acreage tracts and there are a couple of families living there that have goats. The group decided to try a pilot test program on CPRD land in the acreage tracts area to see if this alternative would be successful. The goats work faster than bugs, can go places that spraying equipment can't reach and eliminates the use of chemicals. This is a more proactive and effective way to deal with noxious weeds. Rick explained they won't use the goats on all CPRD land, such as Rye Park, but will concentrate on the native lands.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the letter of engagement with Dorsey & Whitney to serve as bond counsel for the issuance of revenue bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project in the amount of \$12,000. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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