

City Council Meeting July 28, 2009

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Dan Becker, Betty Jo Ellison, and Rick Harbin

Also Present: Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Attorney Gary Ryder, Sergeant Cory Hert, Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Jan Morgan, and Deputy Clerk Paula Peplow

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Peplow called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Becker seconded. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 7/14/09 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster July 23, 2009

Departmental Reports:

Department Reports were given by Sergeant Hert, Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Morgan, Attorney Ryder, and Public Works Supervisor Bleth in addition to reports provided in Council's packets.

Sergeant Hert reported Police Chief Reinlasoder is on vacation. Officer Quiroz assisted by an EMT delivered a baby. Officer Purdon and Daisy will be attending a class in Billings for annual certification.

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation updated Council on the recycling project. Mr. Atchison reported the 6th Annual Energy Open will be held August 13th and 14th and handed out invitations to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Atchison would like to be on the August 11, 2009 City Council agenda for the 2009 SEMDC membership presentation. Mr. Atchison reported the July 2008 census, which is the newest census, shows a 27 person increase in population for Colstrip. The Colstrip population is now 2,345.

Mayor Communications:

Mayor Williams reported the Colstrip Senior Citizens would like to pursue the replacement of the senior van. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to pursue this venue. Councilmember Harbin moved to pursue funding for a senior citizen van with the understanding of applying for a Coal Board grant and solicit funding from other sources. Councilmember Ellison seconded. After discussion regarding the van Councilmember

Harbin amended the first motion to approve the Mayor to move forward in looking for a new senior van and pursue funding. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams recognized Public Works Supervisor Bleth for his 10 years of service with the City of Colstrip.

Mayor Williams also recognized Susan Hert for her service to the city as a Council member from 2006 to 2009.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Mayor Williams stated the Council needs to appoint a new Council member to City Council. Four candidates submitted written interest, those interested persons were: David Gunderson, Tom Crippen, Les Mahon, and Evan Stewart. Mayor Williams stated he had received notification from Mr. Gunderson to withdraw his name from the candidate list. Mayor Williams stated the candidates will have the opportunity to address the Council if they choose to do so. The Council position serves now through the end of December. The person appointed to Council will be sworn in this evening. Councilmember Ellison moved to nominate Evan Stewart. Councilmember Becker seconded. Councilmember Harbin nominated Tom Crippen. Councilmember Becker seconded. Mayor Williams, after asking for other nominations, closed the nominations. After brief discussion a vote was taken. Candidate Evan Stewart received two yes votes (majority) and Mayor Williams closed the voting. Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to Evan Stewart.

Councilmember Harbin moved to approve the Engineering Task Order Amendment with Kadrmaz, Lee and Jackson on the Sweetgrass Neighborhood Paving Project – Phase I to extend construction monitoring to 40 hours per week versus 16 hours per week in the amount of \$24,511 and additional design costs of \$1,934. Councilmember Ellison seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Becker moved to approve the City Hall Parking Lot Paving Contract to JEM in the amount of \$49,435. Councilmember Ellison seconded. Councilmember Stewart had questions that Mayor Williams answered. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilmember Becker stated he will not be at the August 11, 2009 Council meeting.

Councilmember Harbin stated he would be bringing some of the Trevor Johnson memorial coins to city hall to be sold along with the bracelets.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Paula Peplow, Deputy Clerk