

City Council Meeting
January 10, 2017

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Bryan 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 12/27/16 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 1/5/17

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Fire Chief Pontius, Planning/Zoning Official Sisson, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Attorney Ryder was not present but Mayor Williams reported on Marcy's Law that was approved by the voters in November. It goes into effect July 1. There may be some additional responsibilities due to this law but should be minor impact to the City.

Mayor Williams is working with Colstrip United, Senator Ankeny and South Eastern Montana Development Corporation to host the Colstrip Day reception at the state legislature on January 24th. Mayor Williams will be in Helena for the reception. Representative Zinke, Senator Daines and Senator Tester have been invited along with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

House Bill 3 has moved out of committee and headed to the House floor. This bill includes the contingency funding for the Coal Board grants.

The Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement position has been posted and will be advertised in the newspaper this week and next week.

Public Comment:

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget Amendments at 7:18 pm. City

Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the reason for the amendments. No comments were received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:20 pm.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm for the sale of a 2010 Crown Victoria vehicle to the City of Deer Lodge. Police Chief Hert explained selling the vehicle to the City of Deer Lodge helps another public agency and we will receive more money than trading it in. No comments were received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:23 pm.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2017-R01, amendments to the 2017 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution 2017-R02, transferring a police vehicle to the City of Deer Lodge. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the contract with the Montana Coal Board for a \$25,000 grant to conduct an Economic Diversification Study. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve providing \$2,000 in financial assistance to Colstrip United for the legislature day. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the response to the 2016 audit findings. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked about the cross-training and segregation of duties and asked if another employee would alleviate the findings. Mayor Williams explained it is a minor issue and common finding for smaller cities.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

There will be no change in the next regular meeting schedule.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Verlanic asked about the water main replacement included in the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Project that Public Works Director Swan mentioned in his report. Mr. Swan

recommends replacing the water main during this project. Mayor Williams explained the project will be bid including the water main replacement but if the cost is too high it can be removed from the project when the bid is awarded.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Koczur moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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