

City Council Meeting
April 11, 2017

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

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

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 3/28/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 4/7/17

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams testified in Helena last week regarding SB338. The bill was tabled in committee due to a tie 8-8 vote. The committee can reconsider or take it to the floor of the house and would need 60 votes. There was a lot of support for the bill but the power plant owners opposed it. The Governor also supported the bill. SB 339 did pass through committee.

Mayor Williams also testified on HB437, increasing the gas tax. The tax increase would go to cities, towns and counties in Montana for street maintenance expenses.

Governor Bullock sent HB209, the Coal Board funding bill, back to the legislature with a proposed amendment.

Public Comment: None received.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R03 creating the City of Colstrip Street Lighting District #1. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic moved to amend the resolution to state Rosebud County will continue to operate the District for fiscal year 2016-2017, which ends on June 30, 2017 and the City will commence operation on July 1, 2017. Councilperson Koczur seconded the amendment.

Amendment carried 4-1.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried as amended with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R04 assigning interest in the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Contract from CMG Construction Inc. to CMG Construction LLC.

Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to authorize an Invitation to Bid for a new Fire Tender Truck.

Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to authorize contracting with PACE Construction for sewer maintenance services in the amount of \$25,000. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to authorize contracting with Total Asphalt for street repairs in the amount of \$14,974. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if any other bids were sought. Public Works Director Swan did not request bids from any other contractors.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer