

City Council Meeting April 25, 2017

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

- Minutes of 4/11/17 Special Meeting
- Claims Roster 4/21/17

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams distributed copies of the legislative vote on the blast motion for SB338, which failed 40-59.

HB209, the Coal Board funding bill, had been approved by the legislature and submitted to the Governor. Governor Bullock sent the bill back unsigned with an amendment regarding funding of the Public Employee Retirement Plan, tying the approval of the bill to the approval of HB648. The City will not have any grant applications for the June Board meeting but plan on something for the September meeting.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, representing SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation and resident at 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive, reviewed several of the bills and resolutions submitted to and considered by the Montana Legislature. Twelve bills were directly related to coal and/or Colstrip. Jim also reported the three studies recently conducted involving Colstrip are complete or almost complete.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to accept the 2016 Vehicle Hail Damage Cash Settlement Revision from \$58,560.35 to \$44,230.37. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski commented on the large reduction to the 2009 Chevy Pickup. Mayor Williams explained this vehicle had damage to the bed of the pickup not related to hail damage, but the estimate was prepared to repair all damage.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve a Special Events Permit for the Colstrip Days Motorama car show on June 23rd at City Hall. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: Eugene Wier, 4216 Sweetgrass Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his desire to have a car show during the annual Colstrip Days celebration. Bill McFarland is also involved in the planning of the show. Mr. Wier does not have his own liability insurance but he spoke to CPRD and they will include it as an event under their insurance for Colstrip Days.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer