

City Council Meeting
September 22, 2009

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Dan Becker, Betty Jo Ellison, and Evan Stewart

Absent: Councilperson Rick Harbin

Also Present: Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Officer Jan Morgan and Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder

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 Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Becker questioned the Credit Card Claim to First Interstate Bank for a stadium tour in Dallas. Police Chief Reinlasoder responded this was part of a conference paid for by the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant. The grant will reimburse the city for the conference expenses including the stadium tour. Councilperson Ellison asked about Claim #13574 to the Sportsmen's Club. Mayor Williams responded this is membership for the city's police officers for target practice and certification. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 9/8/09 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 9/18/09
- c. Journal Voucher 09-12

Departmental Reports:

Department Reports were given by Police Chief Reinlasoder, Zoning/Code Enforcement/ Building Inspector Morgan, Attorney Ryder, Public Works Supervisor Bleth and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards in addition to written reports provided in Council's packets.

City Clerk/Treasurer presented last minute budget requests to the proposed 2009-2010 budget:

Expenditures: 1000-460437	\$15,000	Revenues: 1000-334010	\$18,000
1000-420120	\$ 3,000		
1000-420420	\$ 2,000		
1000-420144	\$18,000		

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams reported the terms have expired for members of the city's Police Commission. Two of the commissioners have expressed interest in re-appointment. There is one vacancy on the commission. Councilperson Ellison moved to confirm Mayor Williams' appointment of Cheryl Fulkerson and Donna Tauscher to the city's Police Commission. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Lease Agreement with Rosebud County for the Law Enforcement Center expired June 30, 2009. Mayor Williams & Police Chief Reinlasoder met with the county commissioners last week and plan to meet again the first part of October to hopefully finalize a new lease agreement. The length of the lease is one issue along with the price.

Mayor Williams recently received notification from the Montana Public Employees Association that the Police Department Union is ready to meet and negotiate a contract. Mayor Williams will schedule a meeting with them to receive their proposal.

A letter of interest was received from Irene Nelson to serve on the city's Tree Board. Councilperson Becker moved to confirm the appointment of Irene Nelson to the Tree Board. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve Resolution 09-R14 adopting the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget, setting the mill levy at 27.43 and budget changes as requested. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to move forward with allowing Northwestern Energy a utility easement for installing electrical lines in the city's street right-of-way. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Becker moved to approve a Budget Transfer of \$20,000 in the Water Operating Fund from Accounts #430540-300 and #430540-354 to Account #430540-900 for an emergency pipe repair at the Water Treatment Plant. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.