

City Council Meeting
July 25, 2017

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Greg Koczur, Tom Jankowski and Mike Esser

Absent: Councilperson Jolene Verlanic

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Bryan Swan 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 Jankowski seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 7/11/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 7/20/17
- Journal Voucher 2017-05

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality was here today to look at the wastewater treatment project. One of the question was the funding of the project. The Montana Coal Board approved a \$500,000 grant, the City is financing \$1,000,000 through DNRC's SRF Loan Program and the balance (approximately \$500,000) will be paid from the city's Sewer Fund.

Attorney Ryder, Mayor Williams, and Public Works Director Swan met with the city's engineering firm to discuss the progress of the Willow Avenue Project. The project is behind due to the subcontractor that was hired to replace the water main. Other issues have been lack of information about the current water and sewer system in that area and being unable to shut off valves to isolate. Monetary penalties of \$1,400 per day are possible if the project is completed behind schedule.

Carl Jackson, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, updated the City Council on recent projects. The Wastewater Treatment Rehabilitation Project is going well and on schedule. The 2016 Sidewalk & Landscape Improvements project has finally been completed. There were some outstanding issues that have been recently taken care of. The final pay application will be submitted soon to finalize the project. The engineers are still working to finalize site location of the Zone 3 Water Tank.

Carl explained the roles and responsibilities of the contractor, sub-contractor, owner and engineer. The contractor has not filed a formal claim for more time on the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Project, but it is anticipated that may happen. The current completion date is August 16 but the project is 2-3 weeks behind schedule. Unless an approved change order is completed, liquidated damages can begin on August 17.

Public Hearing:

Planning/Zoning Official Kami Egan explained a new owner recently purchased the 3304 Appaloosa property. He would like to build a garage that is larger than allowed and closer to the side setback. Matt Castello, owner of the property, explained he would like to move his family to Colstrip and is downsizing from 80 acres and have a lot of stuff. He has talked to the neighbors and they have no objections. The property has been in disrepair for a couple of years and the neighbors are happy it is being cleaned up and improved. Ms. Egan recommends approving the variance request.

Membership Presentation:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), gave his annual membership presentation. Mr. Atchison reported the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has been moved to Miles Community College in Miles City but SEMDC will maintain a close working relationship with the SBDC. Jim explained the business services, financial services, community services and advocacy services that SEMDC provides and the economic impact that SEMDC has contributed to Rosebud County. Mr. Atchison encouraged the City of Colstrip to renew its membership with SEMDC.

Public Comment: None received.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R08, compensation of elected and non-elected officials and employees. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve a variance to the garage size limitation and a five foot side setback at 3304 Appaloosa. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer