

CITY OF COLSTRIP
CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2007

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Betty Jo Ellison and Susan Hert

Absent: Councilpersons Rick Harbin and Gale Palmer

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Police Sergeant Cory Hert, Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Jan Morgan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Administrative Assistant Kathie Bailey and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 11/27/07 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 12/07/07

Departmental Reports:

In addition to written information included in council's packets Fire Chief Reid, Public Works Supervisor Bleth, Police Sergeant Hert, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector Morgan, Administrative Assistant Bailey, City Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards gave departmental reports.

Public Comment and Participation:

Jim Atchison, of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, received official notification from the state about the approval of 70% of the cost for conducting a feasibility study for an Assisted Living Facility in Colstrip. Mr. Atchison met with County Commissioners and requested they fund the remaining 30%, or \$6,000. The commissioners would like to support the project and will put it on their agenda to discuss and act on. SEMDC is celebrating their 10th Anniversary and will be hosting an Open House on December 20th.

Mayor's Communications:

Rosebud County sent the city a bill for \$500.00 per month for the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) System the city uses for its telephone service at City Hall and the Police Department. This amount was not agreed to by the City and quite a bit higher than what was discussed. Mayor Williams will send the commissioners a letter asking for the basis of the charge and request a meeting to discuss the charge.

The Coal Board awarded the city a \$200,000 grant towards the construction of a new City Hall at their meeting December 8th. This is the largest award made this biennium by the board.

Waste Connections started billing the city to empty the waste oil disposal container at One Stop Wash & Lube. The container does not belong to the city, did not request the container be emptied nor agreed to pay for the service. Mayor Williams will contact Waste Connections about this. One Stop Wash & Lube estimates 30% of the oil disposed comes from outside city limits.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Hert moved to approve an Amendment to Task Order 12 with Morrison Maierle in the amount of \$12,049.00 for additional engineering services on the Olive Drive/Castle Rock Lake Street Project. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. Discussion: Public Works Supervisor Bleth explained the extra engineering is due to some of the driveways not being installed according to the specifications and not in compliance with ADA regulations. Mayor Williams stated the city will look at charging the contractor for the extra expenses to the city for this error. Attorney Ryder asked if the landowners involved are aware of the issue. Mayor Williams responded they are not. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Ellison moved to approve the contract with Wolf Mountain Enterprises to install some new sidewalks on Chisholm Drive and Appaloosa Drive in the amount of \$8,200.00. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer