

City Council Meeting  
January 9, 2018

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Jolene Verlanic, Greg Koczur, Mike Esser and Lori Shaw

Also Present: Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Assistant Fire Chief Dade Allison, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, City Attorney Gary Ryder and Police Chief Cory Hert

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to Greg Koczur and Lori Shaw. City 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. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 12/26/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 1/05/18
- Journal Voucher No. 2018-01

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports were given by Assistant Fire Chief Allison, Police Chief Hert, Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

**Mayor's Communications:**

The City's Holiday Party is this Friday evening at City Hall.

Mayor Williams will be attending a meeting in Helena this Thursday with the Coalition for Montana Energy Reliability sponsored by the Montana Chamber of Commerce.

The quarterly Coal Board meeting is next week in Billings. This meeting was rescheduled from December.

Real Montana will be in Colstrip January 19 & 20 for a seminar about the coal industry and the Colstrip community.

**Public Comment:**

Patrick Campbell, 4417 Remington, appreciated Public Works Director Swan's comments regarding snow removal during the last snow storm but feels we could have done a much better job. He commended Kelly Hert for his work during the storm.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Mayor Williams explained a resident would like to have a large wedding reception with music in her backyard and would like a permit. However, the city does not require or permit events on private property. Attorney Ryder suggested the current code could be amended to “all events of significant impact to the neighborhood”. Councilperson Koczur asked what would be significant impact. Attorney Ryder said it is difficult to put an exact number to it but he would suggest maybe 20 or more people. Councilperson Verlanic suggested residents who would like a permit for an event on private property can apply for a special event permit. Attorney Ryder will develop the language and submit for council’s consideration.

Public Comment: Amelia Landon, 1610 Vista Drive, is requesting the permit so that she can have a wedding reception without having a neighbor complain and end the reception.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Operations Contract with the Schoolhouse History and Art Center for a five-year term. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser nominated Councilperson Verlanic for Council President. Councilperson Koczur seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Councilpersons Shaw, Koczur and Esser voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer