

City Council Meeting February 13, 2018

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

Also Present: Public Works Director Bryan Swan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, City Attorney Gary Ryder, Planning/Building/Code Official Kami Egan and Police Chief Cory Hert

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of 1/23/18 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 2/9/18

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The city has been notified by the bargaining units that the contracts have been opened for renewal. Current contracts expire June 30, 2018. Mayor Williams intends to approach the negotiations with a very productive, considerate and respectful attitude. No discussions with employees regarding compensation and benefits can be done outside of negotiations.

Information was distributed regarding the Colstrip Community Impact Advisory group. Mayor

The city's Growth Policy needs updated. It was adopted in 2013 and by state law has to be updated at least every five years. The Planning Board will be updated first and we will coordinate with Rosebud County. A CDBG Planning Grant may be applied for to pay for this update.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive and Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, explained since the CDBG Planning Grant is funded with federal dollars the city would have to do a Request for Proposals to procure professional services for the Growth Policy update. Rosebud County will also be updating the county's growth policy. Jim encouraged the council and public to participate and be engaged in the Colstrip Community Impact Advisory group.

Dave Saulsbury, would like to see the money from the Puget Sound Energy \$10 million settlement put into a trust. He would also like to see a portion of the money used for litigation. There is a group

looking into filing a class-action lawsuit to seek justice for the Colstrip community that has been robbed of economic opportunities.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson gave an update on projects they are working on for the City of Colstrip.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R01, declaring surplus property.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion:

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to award the bid for the high service pump station improvements to Star Service in the amount of \$347,542.00. Councilperson Shaw seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to award the bid for a 2007 John Deere Motor Grader to Tractor & Equipment Company for \$85,519.00 minus trade-in allowance of \$18,000.00. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Esser suggested a side blade be purchased for this grader.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Change Order #2 for the Willow Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$31,724.00. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if CK2 was penalized for the two-week delay they caused.

Carl Jackson reported there were 3 days of liquidated damages assessed since CMG Construction was able to make up most of the lost time.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve contracting with Don Pontius Construction for snow removal services. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.