

REVISED

City Council Meeting
February 9, 2010

Present: Councilpersons Dan Becker, *Tom Jankowski*, Rick Harbin and Evan Stewart

Absent: Mayor John Williams

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

Council President Harbin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 1/26/10 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/05/10

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Council President Harbin reported on behalf of Mayor Williams that negotiations with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality continue regarding sampling in the mixing zone at the Water Treatment Plant and we are hopefully optimistic that DEQ will work with the city on this issue. **Public Works Supervisor Bleth stated** if the city would have to comply with DEQ's initial requirements, it would cost the city over \$1,000,000 and would come out of Colstrip's water utility bills, which would have a huge effect on water rates.

Unfinished Business:

Council President Harbin presented Ordinance 2010-01 for second reading and asked to waive the reading in its entirety. Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2010-01. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Council President Harbin complimented Councilpersons Stewart and Becker for putting together this ordinance. Councilperson Harbin commented on the addresses for two lots combined into one

and allowing the residents to pick their own street address number. This has created some problems and the city will need to coordinate with the county on correcting the street addressing. Councilperson Stewart has talked to several people the last few days about this ordinance and suggested the City Council may want to reconsider some portions of the ordinance. One issue is the enforcement/penalty portion of the ordinance and the other is the assigning of new numbers. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Morgan commented that the majority of homes already have correct street numbers posted and they will not be affected by this ordinance; however, the issues and problems are trailer courts, houses on Olive Drive, and the acreage tracts. Some of the homes along Olive Drive have a street address for the adjacent cul-de-sac even though the home faces Olive Drive. There are numerous trailers without numbers at all or incorrect numbers from previous places they have lived. In the acreage tracts, some of the numbers are not in consecutive order. Only incorrect addresses will change. Some street address numbers have been painted onto the curb in one trailer court, but they are not visible at night or get covered in snow during the winter. Councilpersons Becker, Stewart, Jankowski and Harbin voted nay. Motion failed. After further discussion, Councilperson Becker moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2010-01 but delete the \$50.00 penalty portion in Section 5 of the ordinance. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart felt it might be needed to further amend the ordinance by amending Section 1. Attorney Ryder recommended leaving it in and the city can reserve the penalty portion of the ordinance and implement that at a later time if necessary. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The ordinance becomes effective in 30 days.

New Business:

Attorney Ryder has prepared an Interlocal Agreement for Shared Equipment with the City of Forsyth, Town of Hysham and the Rosebud Rural Water & Sewer District of a camera system for examination of sewer mains. Attorney Ryder asked for any feedback to the proposed agreement. Councilperson Becker would like documentation of regularly scheduled maintenance to the equipment. Attorney Ryder also suggested the Public Works Supervisors of Colstrip and Forsyth should consult periodically. Councilperson Stewart asked how this equipment would benefit Colstrip. Public Works Supervisor Bleth explained the City pays PACE Construction to come to Colstrip to camera sewer mains and this is done routinely due to routine maintenance, locating plugged lines to fix them and determining whose responsibility it is (the city or the customer) when a disagreement arises of where the plug is located. Mr. Bleth felt the city could have paid for one by now with all the money paid to contractors to perform the service. Councilperson Jankowski would like to make sure training for several people is included in the bid requirements so that personnel from all entities involved are trained without additional cost. A Coal Board grant will be submitted to help with the cost of purchasing this equipment. The agreement will be on the agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

Council President Harbin adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer