

City Council Meeting
February 23, 2010

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Dan Becker, Tom Jankowski, Rick Harbin and Evan Stewart

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, and Public Works Supervisor John Bleth

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 Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Becker asked how old Claim #14111 to Industrial Communications & Electronics was. The invoice is dated 2/1/10 but Public Works Supervisor Bleth stated it took 4 months for them to repair the pager. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 2/09/10 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/18/10
- c. January Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

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

A Public Safety Committee meeting will be held March 3 at 9:30 am at City Hall to review ordinances.

Public Comment and Participation:

Lu Shomate, representing the SchoolHouse History and Art Center, reported on SHAC's outreach program that served 1,080 people during the 2009 year. These include youth and adults from the Birney School, Forsyth Senior Center, Rosebud County Nursing Home, Colstrip Senior Center, Liberty Academy, Colstrip Cub Scouts, Lame Deer Boys & Girls Club, and CPRD's After School Program. The outreach program is funded through a grant from the Montana Arts

Council. On March 2 representatives from SHAC will be meeting with the Rosebud County Commissioners to present this information and request financial assistance. Mayor Williams feels the city should have a presence at the meeting in support of SHAC. The city has given the county assistance when requested with the library addition and senior citizen transportation.

Mayor's Communications:

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve submitting a grant application to the Montana Coal Board in the amount of \$30,500 for a new transportation bus for the senior citizens.

Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if Hartley School Buses was the only vendor submitting a price. Mayor Williams responded Heberle Ford in Forsyth may be able to provide a proposal also. Motion carried with all in favor. Mayor Williams would like to offer the current transportation bus for sale and use the proceeds from the sale of the van, whatever that may be, to reduce the amount of funding drawn from the coal board, if the grant application is approved. Council members had no objections to this suggestion.

Mayor Williams will be attending the annual Mayor's Academy in Bozeman March 3, 4 & 5.

There will be a meeting with PPL Montana this Thursday regarding the Raw Water Transportation Agreement.

Tomorrow evening the MT Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at City Hill seeking public comments on an administrative order on the seepage from PPL's ash ponds.

A State Ethics Law Seminar in Billings geared specifically towards state and local governments will be held March 19th in Billings and Mayor Williams is asking all city department heads to participate in this seminar or have someone from their department participate. Mayor Williams invited city council members to consider attending also.

Mayor Williams was requested to speak at the Montana Land Board meeting in Helena in support of the Otter Creek Coal Tracts. Approximately 50 people spoke at the hearing. The land board voted to offer the tracts for development.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Forsyth, Town of Hysham and Rosebud Water & Sewer District for a Shared Sewer Camera.

Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if the Interlocal Agreement needs to be filed with the County Clerk & Recorder in addition to the Secretary of State's Office. Attorney Ryder will check the law on this. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Becker moved to approve the purchase of a Compressed Air Foam System for the Fire Department in the amount of \$46,489.30. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the purchase of Aerators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$35,675.00. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if this expenditure was budgeted for. Public Works Supervisor confirmed this item was included in the budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Stewart would like to write and submit an article to the Independent Press regarding the recent passage of Ordinance 2010-01. The other council members thought this was a good idea.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer