

City Council Meeting
March 23, 2010

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

Absent: Councilperson Evan Stewart

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, Fire Chief Ryan Reid, Zoning/Code Enforcement/ Building Inspector Jan Morgan 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 Becker moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 3/09/10 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 3/18/10
- c. February Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams, Attorney Ryder, Police Chief Reinlasoder and Councilperson Stewart met with the Police Dept Bargaining Unit this afternoon. The bargaining unit responded to the city's comments from the December 9, 2009. The next meeting will be April 20th to continue negotiations.

Mayor Williams distributed new Draft Position Descriptions developed by Public Sector Personnel Consultants for all city employees. The descriptions were based on questionnaires completed by city employees with input from their supervisors. Mayor Williams asked council members to review the descriptions since the council will need to adopt the new descriptions. PSPC also conducted a Salary and Benefits Survey using information obtained from other local government entities in the State of Montana and information from Colstrip's largest employers, PPL Montana and Western Energy. Councilperson Harbin would like to sit down with PSPC to review the information and ask questions.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to include Holiday and Sick Time as Time Worked for computing overtime for the On-Call Employee in an emergency call-out situation. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin stated due to the research done by Attorney Ryder and Councilperson Stewart that it is permissible for the city to do this, he has no reservations about approving this request. No objections were stated from Council members. Councilperson Becker abstained from voting due to conflict of interest; he is an employee of the city's Public Works Department. Councilpersons Jankowski and Harbin voted in favor. Mayor Williams voted in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

The city's Tree Board reviewed the city's current Tree Ordinance and has submitted some recommended amendments. The amendments are not in ordinance format. Councilperson Becker is a member of the Tree Board and stated the Tree Board meets again tomorrow night and may have more suggestions to make.

City Clerk/Treasurer Richards opened sealed bids as advertised for Lawn Care and Maintenance Services for city properties. Only one bid was received from LP Contracting, Inc. for \$605.00 per week plus \$25.50/hour for sprinkler system maintenance and cost plus 10% for sprinkler system parts and supplies. The bid will be reviewed and a recommendation submitted for City Council's consideration at their next regular meeting. Attorney Ryder noted that the city is not required to bid out this contract but was requesting bids since the contractor was previously a member of the City Council.

Adjourn:

Councilperson Becker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer