

City Council Meeting  
June 22, 2010

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/ Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder, and Building/ Planning Official Jan Morgan

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 Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked about the finance charges on the Qwest claim and the First Interstate Bank claim. Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the finance charge from Qwest was due to the bill not being turned in for timely payment and the finance charge from First Interstate Bank was because the due date for the account payment was the same day as the City Council meeting which did not allow time for the payment to make it in before the due date. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 6/08/10 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 6/18/10
- c. Wire Transfer for WRF & SRF Loan Payments on 7/1/2010

**Departmental Reports:**

Department Reports were given by Police Chief Reinlasoder, Building/Planning Official Morgan, City Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards in addition to written reports provided in Council's packets.

**Public Comment and Participation:**

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SEMDC, requested to be on the city council's next agenda for a membership presentation. Mr. Atchison reported the annual Energy Open is coming up in August to promote responsible energy development. SEMDC will be sending a request to the city to co-sponsor the dinner. The annual Colstrip Days celebration is starting tomorrow with the Grand Opening of the Boilermakers Training Center and dedication to ~~Heath Becker~~ Spencer Benson. Jim also volunteered to look into any possible funding sources for a weather related warning system.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams attended the Montana League of Cities & Towns Board Meeting in Helena last week. The annual League Conference is in Butte this year October 6, 7 and 8.

The City should be receiving information soon from PPL Montana on the proposed new rate for Raw Water Delivery to the City.

The Sweetgrass Phase II Paving Project starts tomorrow. The Open House hosted last week by the city and engineers had 9 residents attending.

Public Works Director Bleth attended a workshop at the Montana Rural Water Conference that he would like to see presented to city employees. The cost of the workshop would be \$2,000 plus \$500 travel expenses. Mayor Williams will contact other local entities to see if they would like to participate in the workshop.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve a Special Event Permit to allow Fireworks for Nicki Hageman at 403 Wildrye on June 25 and 26, 2010. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart would like to allow residents to celebrate Colstrip Days and feels this is a reasonable request. No objections or comments were made on the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve a Special Event Permit to allow Fireworks for Margaret Knutson at 6907 Blackhawk on June 25 – June 30, 2010. Councilperson Stewart seconded. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski stated this is a reasonable request in connection with Colstrip Days and prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilperson Harbin moved to amend the motion to June 25 & 26 only and commented permission is not necessary July 1-4. Councilperson Stewart seconded the amendment. Amendment approved with all in favor. No objections or further comments were made. Motion carried as amended with all in favor.

Ordinance 2010-04 was presented to adopt the 2009 Energy Code. Councilperson Harbin asked if this is basically what the state requires in order for the City to have a Building Department Program. Building/Planning Official Morgan stated it is. City Council is ready to move on it. Councilperson Stewart asked if the first reading needs to be posted. Attorney Ryder and Clerk/Treasurer Richards stated ordinances are posted after the first reading is approved. Councilperson Stewart asked if the council will receive a copy of the energy code. Planning/ Building Official Morgan will provide a copy of the code to council members. Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-04, adopting the 2009 Energy Code. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin feels that the adoption is necessary since it is imposed by the state as part of the Building Code Enforcement Program. No objections or comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

Councilperson Harbin reminded that there is a dedication ceremony at the Stillwater Ballfields for Trevor Johnson on Saturday.

**Adjournment:**

Councilperson Stewart moved to adjourn. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer