

City Council Meeting
July 27, 2010

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Evan Stewart and Rick Harbin

Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and Dan Becker

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 1:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Minutes of 7/13/10 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 7/23/10
- c. May Treasurer's Report
- d. Journal Voucher No. 2010-03
- e. Journal Voucher No. 2010-04

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.

Attorney Ryder notified the City Council that a legal adviser will need to be retained for the Police Commission. An attorney has already been retained by the city regarding a personnel matter involving the Police Chief. This attorney will represent the city at any legal proceedings and Police Commission meetings. An impartial attorney will need to be selected to advise the Police Commission as there are legal decisions that will need to be made. The Police Commission meetings are open to the public and notice will be published when they meet.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams stated that the official spokespersons for the City of Colstrip are Attorney Ryder and Mayor Williams and any questions or comments should be directed to them.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve Resolution 2010-R05, declaring surplus equipment. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin stated both these trucks are no longer used by the fire department and have been replaced by new vehicles; hopefully a small fire department could use the trucks in their community. No comments or objections were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the contract with Total Asphalt Repair in the amount of \$9,890 for street repairs and concrete work. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart stated this work needs to be done and he is in favor of getting it done. Councilperson Harbin commented maybe this should not be the only contract considered this year as there are other areas that are in equal or worse shape. No other comments or objections were made. Councilperson Harbin, Councilperson Stewart and Mayor Williams voted aye.

Councilperson Stewart moved to award the contract with Don's Electric for electrical services for the Oxidation Ditch at the Sewer Treatment Plant in the amount of \$9,800. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart stated the price seems reasonable, the electrical services need to be done and the contract seems acceptable to him. Councilperson Harbin asked if the contract is considered "not to exceed" a certain dollar amount. Mayor Williams thought it is a fixed price contract and the Public Works Director feels it is a good price. Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Harbin asked what the cost is of the seminar being hosted by the City of Colstrip on August 9, 2010. Mayor Williams said the cost is \$3,200. The CPRD Board will be considering a request to assist in the cost of the seminar and have been invited to participate. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards stated there are additional costs for the workbooks and travel expenses.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer