

City Council Special Meeting  
September 9, 2010

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

Absent: Councilpersons Tom Jankowski and Dan Becker

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing for the 2010-2011 Budget at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Jim Atchison, 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive, made a few comments regarding the preliminary 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Atchison is unsure of the current proposed mill levy but cautions the council not to reduce the mill levy. Funding resources will request the trend of the mill levy and reducing it will cause problems with successful grant funding. Mr. Atchison would like to keep the levy the same at least and if necessary, increase the reserves.

Mr. Atchison handed out a property tax comparison showing the low property taxes the residents of Colstrip enjoy in comparison to some other Montana communities.

Mr. Atchison asked the City Council to reconsider the Administrative Position proposed by the Mayor. He feels this is a proactive move for the future. Colstrip is growing and development is coming to the community and is optimistic for Colstrip's future. He feels the position is for ongoing leadership and stability.

Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Williams clarified that the question from Councilperson Becker at the special council meeting regarding \$9,000 in the Fire Department Facilities Supplies budget. These funds are for repairs and a window at the training center and to extend the concrete approach at the North Barn, not for a training program.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer