

CITY OF COLSTRIP
CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008

Council President Ellison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards called the roll. The following were:

Present: Councilpersons Betty Jo Ellison, Susan Hert, Rick Harbin and Dan Becker

Absent: Mayor John Williams

Also Present: Public Works Supervisor John Bleth, City Judge Gail Beckham, Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Minutes of 1/08/08 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 1/18/08
- c. December Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

In addition to written information included in council's packets Public Works Supervisor Bleth, Police Chief Reinlasoder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards gave departmental reports.

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Councilperson Becker moved to confirm the reappointment of Gail Beckham as City Judge. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards administered the Oath of Office to Judge Beckham.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the appointment of Paul Neiman as Temporary Building Inspector during the absence of Jan Morgan due to medical reasons. Councilperson Hert seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with all favor.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

The Planning Board reviewed the city's Comprehensive Growth Policy, which included a public hearing on January 8, 2008. The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the updated policy. Councilperson Harbin moved to table the Growth Policy Update to make sure the process is done correctly. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Hert asked if this needs to be updated immediately or can it wait. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards stated she is not aware of any reason this can't be delayed until the next meeting. Councilperson Harbin explained this is a tool necessary in order to get grant funding, loans, etc and a planning document that is updated every 5-10 years. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the 2008 Capital Improvements Plan with the addition of a \$300,000 estimate for the Water Turbidity Issue. Councilperson Ellison seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Hert asked about the replacement of the lift stations. Public Works Supervisor Bleth reported the city is currently in the process of replacing Lift Station "C" and engineering has begun on replacing the "Orchard" Lift Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve the contract submitted by Gary Ryder for Legal Services for a two year period ending December 31, 2009. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked if the previous contract has expired. Clerk/Treasurer Richards confirmed it did expire December 31, 2007. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Hert moved to approve Resolution No. 08-R01, designating authorized signers of the city's savings and checking accounts. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Becker thinks all council members should be authorized to sign checks. Councilperson Becker made a motion to amend to include all council members as authorized signers. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin asked what the city's policy has been. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the city has always designated the Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer, Council President, Deputy Clerk and one other council member as authorized signers. Due to the change in elected officials, this resolution is necessary as a former council member was authorized to sign. The Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer sign the checks and the other authorized signers only sign in the absence of the Mayor or Clerk/Treasurer. Two signatures are required on all checks and the city does not use signature stamps. Councilperson Becker feels it would be more convenient to have all the council members authorized to sign checks. Councilpersons Becker and Harbin voted in favor of

the motion to amend. Councilpersons Hert and Ellison voted nay. Amendment failed due to a tie vote. Councilpersons Harbin, Hert and Ellison voted in favor of the motion to approve Resolution No. 08-R01. Councilperson Becker voted nay. Motion carried 3-1.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Becker went to Laurel for the training workshop for newly elected officials. He purchased a book available from one of the speakers and offered to share it with the other council members.

Councilperson Ellison stated her appreciation to the Public Works Department for the snowplowing.

Council President Ellison adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer