

City Council Meeting
February 22, 2011

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

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Building/Planning Official Jan Morgan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid and Police Chief Larry Reinlasoder

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 Stewart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart asked about the finance charge on Claim #15304 to First Interstate Bank. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the due date of the city's credit card bill was the same date as the last City Council meeting in January; therefore the payment was late. Clerk/Treasurer Richards stated the city usually receives the credit card statement between the 10th-15th day of the month and it is usually due by the 28th-30th. The statement is not received in time to process it for the first council meeting of the month so it doesn't get paid until the second meeting of the month which sometimes makes the payment late. The payment is sent to Florida which takes 4-5 days to get there. Motion carried with all in favor.

- a. Minutes of 2/08/11 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/18/11
- c. January Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

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

Public Comment and Participation: None.

Mayor's Communications:

The response to Department of Environmental Quality's Administrative Order of Consent has been submitted. DEQ has acknowledged receiving the response and is reviewing it.

The final draft of the contract with the Police Department Bargaining Unit was finalized today. The union members will vote on the contract before City Council will act on it.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Harbin moved to accept the bid submitted by Montana Peterbilt in the amount of \$236,647 for purchase of a new garbage collection truck. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin stated the truck the city has now is passed its service time and based on Public Works Director Bleth's recommendation this would be a better vehicle for longevity. Councilperson Stewart asked if next year's budget will have room for this expenditure. Clerk/Treasurer Richards confirmed it would. Councilperson Harbin asked what the city is going to do with the older of the two current garbage trucks owned by the city. Mayor Williams stated the city will put the truck out for bids. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Resolution 2011-01, a resolution of intent to increase the Water and Sewer Service Rates. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart stated this is a reasonable, practical and necessary increase; he realizes it is a significant increase and the public will react negatively but it is needed. Councilperson Harbin asked if the city has any 8" water mains since this rate is not listed on the rate increase sheet. The city charges according to meter size and the largest meter size is 6". Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Harbin moved to approve Resolution 2011-02, a resolution of intent to increase certain fees and charges related to the operation of the water and sewer systems. Councilperson Becker seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Harbin stated these fees and charges are related to operation of the systems and that the "Snowbird" rates were removed. Councilperson Becker noted there should be a fee for non-emergency calls during weekend hours and after normal working hours since people call the Public Works Employee who is "on-call" to turn their water on or off. The city has adopted fees for these situations but has not been charging them. Mayor Williams will discuss this with Public Work Director Bleth.

Administrative Matters:

A "Tree Talk" presentation sponsored by the Tree Board is tomorrow at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Williams reported the Annual meeting of SEMDC is tomorrow at 2:30 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Harbin seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer