**Colstrip Local Government Review Commission**

**Organizational Meeting Minutes**

**November 27, 2024**

**Mayor John Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Present at the meeting were Mayor John Williams, City Clerk/Treasurer and Ex-Officio Member Michelle Richards and Study Commission Members Todd Olmstead, Dan Batie and Joe Novasio.**

**Mayor Williams explained the duties and responsibilities of the study commission and provided a binder with information on the alternative forms of government, trainings, Colstrip’s Charter and Charters from some other cities in Montana. Taxes/fees, city employees, planning, zoning, code enforcement and other rules already in place are not part of the study commission’s review.**

**Training for the study commissioners will be provided by the Montana Local Government Center at MSU-Bozeman. There will be in-person training and on-line training available. Study Commission members plan on attending the training in Billings on December 11, 2024.**

**The City of Colstrip currently has $31,000 budgeted in its 2024-2025 budget for the study commission.**

**Joe Novasio was selected as Chairman of the Study Commission and Todd Olmstead was selected as Vice Chair.**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.**