

Special City Council Meeting  
December 2, 2024

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Rose Hanser, Wayne Dudley and Greg Koczur

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider the matching funds commitment for the Business Innovation Center as required by the EDA.

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the matching funds commitment of \$327,000 for the Business Innovation Center as required to receive the EDA grant.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked what happens if this doesn't go through. Mayor Williams explained a Coal Board grant has been submitted to provide this matching funding. If the grant application is denied, the City Council will need to decide whether to provide the match itself or notify SEMDC that we will not provide the match and they will need to find the funds. At this point, the City of Colstrip has not expended any funds for the BIC.

Public Comment: Jim explained there is \$4.3 million in grant funds committed for the BIC. The deadline to submit the match commitment for the EDA grant is tomorrow.

Councilmember Koczur asked when the project will be bid, what happens if the bid comes in under the estimate/grant funding committed and who the architect is on the project. Jim responded the project will be put out for bids immediately and the architect is Collaborative Design Architects.

It has not been decided what will happen if there is more grant funding committed than necessary. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer