

City Council Meeting February 28, 2012

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser and Councilpersons Evan Stewart, Lawretta Miller and John Williams

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

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

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, City Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Minutes of 2/14/12 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Roster 2/22/12
- c. January Treasurer's Report

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Reinlasoder, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Public Comment and Participation:

Lu Shomate, representing the Schoolhouse History and Art Center at 400 Woodrose, reported the number of people visiting SHAC between July 1 - December 31, 2011 is 1,105 and volunteers logged 213 hours of service. During the month of January, SHAC employees and volunteers have been completing repairs and maintenance of the building. SHAC is preparing for upcoming events such as the Student Art Show, Positive Choice Conference, and Summer Programs for kids.

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing for the Variance Request at 2511 Laredo Court at 7:21 pm. Building/Planning Official Morgan explained the reason for the variance request is due to the curved nature of the lot and that it is a corner lot. Due to the curvature of the lot, the home and garage are closer to the property line than the required setbacks. No comments or objections were made. Mayor Hanser Hearing closed the hearing at 7:23 pm.

New Business:

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Variance Request to Side Setbacks at 2511 Laredo Court. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented the request makes sense and the issue needs addressed in order for the property to have a clear title. No objections were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to accept the sidewalks for the Wild Horse Park Project for applying for Community Transportation Enhancement Program funding. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented the sidewalks will improve safety and is a good use of the program funding. Councilperson Williams asked what the cost of the project is. The estimated cost is \$42,000 but the bids came in higher for the park improvement portion of the project so the cost may be higher. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve the Montana Moose Lease Renewal as presented. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-R06, a policy for use of the Volunteer Fire Training Center. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams feels the resolution is appropriate to address the use of the facility. No objections or other comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Ashland Fire District, City of Forsyth, St. Labre Fire District, Rosebud County Fire Department and Northern Cheyenne Fire Department. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart stated the agreement will help make incident control smoother and it is good to have teamwork and assistance when fires get out of control. No objections or other comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Hanser requested to table the Asbestos Abatement Contract after talking to the administrators of the Brownfield Coalition Grant program. Councilperson Williams moved to table the Asbestos Abatement Contract with Safetech, Inc. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams stated the City needs to obtain more information and if necessary this can be brought back before the City Council. No objections to the motion were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson addressed the City Council on the Engineering Task Orders on the meeting agenda. Mr. Jackson explained the scope of each task order. Mr. Jackson also explained the process of procuring engineering/architectural services versus construction projects and purchasing equipment. Montana State Law has separate language regarding the procurement of professional services and is different than laws regarding procurement of equipment and construction projects.

Councilperson Stewart moved to approve Engineering Task Order #2 with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson for Animal Pound Renovations in the amount of \$19,025.00. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Stewart commented this project has been discussed for quite a while and the city should move forward exploring this option. No objections or other comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Engineering Task Order #6 for a Master Water Facilities Plan in the amount of \$66,662. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams stated this will benefit the community and is long overdue. The city will be

applying for both Coal Board Grant and Treasure State Endowment Planning Grant to help offset the cost to the city. No objections or comments were made. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Williams moved to approve Engineering Task Order #8 for an Overlay of Pinebutte Drive in the amount of \$43,900 plus additional costs of up to \$49,000 for a resident project representative and post-construction services. Councilperson Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams commented the city has funding available to start the project and the project will benefit the entire community. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer