

City Council Meeting February 14, 2017

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Tom Jankowski, Greg Koczur, and Jolene Verlanic

Absent: Councilperson Mike Esser

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Swan, Fire Chief Rob Pontius and City Attorney Gary Ryder

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 Verlanic moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 1/24/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 2/9/17
- Journal Voucher No. 2017-03

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Fire Chief Pontius, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams recognized the service of Police Chief Cory Hert in the United States Army and the National Guard. Chief Hert recently retired from the guard. He recently received a meritorious service medal in addition to the numerous awards he received during his service in the National Guard and in the Army.

Bob Gilbert, lobbyist for the City of Colstrip, joined the meeting via telephone. Mr. Gilbert gave a report on the activities he has been involved with at the legislature on behalf of the City.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, reported on the Colstrip United Legislative Reception held January 23 in Helena. Jim updated the City Council on three studies currently underway involving Colstrip. A directory of legislative bills was presented by Jim of legislation that would affect Colstrip. Jim notified the Council of upcoming visits from the Leadership Montana group and the Montana Secretary of State. He also notified the Council of a Community Foundation opportunity meeting on February 28th.

Doug Whitney, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, updated the City Council on the Water Storage Tank project. The site being considered is the Winchester Park area owned by Rosebud County. A concern was raised about the water tank not interfering with the Heli-pad at Colstrip Medical Center. The engineers have contacted the clinic and are currently trying to contact the helicopter pilot.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the request from Mayor Williams not to repair the 2016 hail damage to city vehicles and accept a cash settlement instead. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic is hesitant to take a cash settlement on the newer vehicles without repairing them. She is concerned about insuring the vehicles for future damage.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Engineering Task Order #23 for High Service Pump Station Improvements in the amount of \$132,609.00. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer