

City Council Meeting June 13, 2017

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: Assistant Fire Chief Dade Allison, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Public Works Director Bryan Swan and Planning/Zoning Official Kami Egan

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 5/23/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 6/8/17

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Assistant Fire Chief Allison, Assistant Police Chief Egan, Planning/Zoning Official Egan, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

The Building Inspection Services contract is due to expire with Russell Murphy. Mr. Murphy is interested in continuing to serve as the city's building inspector at the same rate. Councilperson Koczur would like to see a two-year term contract. Mayor Williams prefers a year to year contract in case issues arise. Councilperson Verlanic moved to extend the building inspection contract with Russell Murphy for one year with the same terms. Councilperson Koczur seconded. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

The city is contracting temporarily with DNS Cleaning Service to clean City Hall until an employee is hired or the city decides to switch to contract cleaning.

Mayor Williams met with the Talen Energy Vice President and the Senior Director of Internal and Regulatory Affairs today regarding the future of the power plants. It was a very positive meeting. They indicated units 1 and 2 will continue to operate until 2022. Senator Ankney, Representative Keene and Representative Custer also attended the meeting.

Public Comment: None received.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Koczur made a motion to move forward with creating the Colstrip Street Lighting District. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked about the area outside city limits and if there was a contract between Rosebud County and Tongue River Electric. Mayor Williams explained there is no contract for street light services in the area that is in the current district but outside city limits.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the Special Event Permit submitted by John Bleth for fireworks on June 23 and June 24 during Colstrip Days. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Change Order #1 to the Sidewalk & Landscape Improvements Project in the amount of \$15,811.20. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Coal Board Grant Contract in the amount of \$132,500 for the purchase of a new fire truck. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve a 3-year contract with Olness and Associates for audit services for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Lisa Perry, Community Relations Manager and Kirk Gordon, engineer, with NorthWestern Energy addressed the City Council regarding the City of Colstrip taking over the street lights in city limits on July 1, 2017. NorthWestern Energy proposes 3 contracts: one contract for 587 lights that are owned and will be maintained by NorthWestern Energy, second contract for 17 lights that are customer owned but will be maintained by NorthWestern Energy and the third contract is for electricity only for the estimated 15 LED lights that will be installed on Willow Avenue. NorthWestern Energy does not install or maintain LED lights at this time.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.