

City Council Meeting
August 22, 2017

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilpersons Jolene Verlanic and Mike Esser

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski and Greg Koczur

Also Present: Fire Chief Rob Pontius, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Police Chief Cory Hert, 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 Esser seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried.

- Minutes of 8/8/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/18/17
- Journal Voucher No. 2017-06

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The Goodwill Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and voted to award Steve and Kathleen Christian \$2,505 for damages incurred to their home from a water service leak.

The Safety Committee met yesterday to review accident/injury reports during the past fiscal year and determine employees that are eligible for the incentive reward. The committee will be making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the incentive award.

Mayor Williams will be making a recommendations to increase the starting wage for some positions. Mayor Williams has discussed his recommendation with the MPEA Representative and she supports it.

Public Comment:

Bill Neumiller, who works at the Colstrip Power Plant and is in charge of spraying weeds, asked if the City is responsible for spraying noxious weeds. Mayor Williams responded the City is only responsible for city owned property including street right-of-ways. Mr. Neumiller invited the City to participate in a noxious weed meeting next week between Rosebud County, the power plant and Colstrip Park & Recreation District.

Mayor Williams opened the hearing at 7:26 pm regarding the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. No comments were received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:27 pm.

Tana Pippin, 3125 Antelope Drive, explained for two years she went to the School Board requesting boomers not be set off by the fire department during football games and they agreed. However, the fire department has recently posted on the school's sports Facebook page encouraging people to request the boomers be set off again. The boomers are very loud, causing dogs to run through screen and glass doors and jump fences. She believes they disturb the peace, startle veterans with PTSD, terrorize animals and increase the risk of fire and injury. She suggested the fire department could use the lights and sirens on their fire trucks instead of boomers.

Rob Pontius, Fire Chief, stated the School District requested the boomers be done during Homecoming only this year. Mr. Pontius projects only 2-3 boomers will be lit during this game. He has had several members of the community ask why the fire department doesn't do it anymore and want them back.

Mayor Williams thanked both Tana and Rob for their comments. He explained that in 2007 a resolution was passed allowing the boomers to occur during home football games. However, the current City Council can adopt a resolution changing this.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Run for H.O.P.E. on September 30, 2017. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R10, adopting the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R11, adopting the mill levies for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R12, funding for the Schoolhouse History and Art Center for fiscal year 2017-2018. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.