

City Council Meeting November 14, 2017

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: Fire Chief Rob Pontius, City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

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. Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked about reimbursement from Talen Energy for the 'thundershirts'. Fire Chief Pontius said he was going to wait until all shirts have been ordered and received before requesting reimbursement. No public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 10/24/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 11/8/17

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams and Public Works Director Bryan Swan met with the Rosebud County Commissioners last week about the city's request to place a new water storage tank at Winchester Park. The commissioners don't think they can give the property due to it being dedicated parkland. Mayor Williams contacted Talen Energy about the city obtaining more property adjacent to the current tank location to build the new tank if the county decides not to give us Winchester Park.

The Montana Legislature is in Special Session due to the state's budget concerns. Thus far there has been no discussion on the entitlement payments to cities, towns and counties.

As recommended by Attorney Ryder, Mayor Williams will appoint a study commission to review the fireworks ordinance and the request to allow boomers at school events.

The EMI donation building has been removed. EMI will notify the public when they will be in town to accept and collect donations.

The City will be receiving a check for the city fire department's assistance with a fire at the county landfill last winter. Claims were made by the city and county to the insurance carrier of the person believed to have caused the fire.

Mayor Williams recognized the Boy Scout Troop in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Public Comment: None received.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the purchase of 220 new garbage cans from Solid Waste Systems in the amount of \$21,654.40. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Willow Avenue Reconstruction project in the amount of \$30,782.47 bringing the total construction cost to \$1,578,331.47 (excluding engineering costs). Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if the change order extended the project by 20 days. Public Works Director Swan confirmed it does. Councilperson Koczur asked if this would be the only change order for this project. Mayor Williams explained it is not. There will also be additional engineering costs associated with the project.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer