

City Council Meeting  
December 12, 2017

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

Absent: Councilperson Tom Jankowski

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Police Chief Cory Hert

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. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 11/28/17 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 12/07/17

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Attorney Ryder and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

**Mayor's Communications:**

MMIA personnel were here last week and gave us a Public Works Safety Training Manual. Mayor Williams asked them for information for our police department also. MMIA will assist us with improving our safety program.

Talen Energy is willing to work with the City on the placement of a water storage tank in the Meadowlark area. There are pros and cons to this location. The Mayor hasn't given up on Winchester Park and will be contacting the County Commissioners again.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), invited everyone to their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on December 19<sup>th</sup>. SEMDC has been approached by Big Sky UAV to support a proposal being submitted to the FAA regarding public policy on drone use in rural Montana. Jim said this could open some doors to our community and the county.

Tyler Egan, Schoolhouse History and Art Center (SHAC), updated the City Council on SHAC activities. He attended a Leadership Conference with SHAC's Board President. The SHAC Board is currently reviewing and updating their policies and procedures and conducting board training. Insurance coverage has been increased to adequately cover contents and art work. They are pursuing a grant from the Montana History Foundation to repair the cracking ceiling of the building and to preserve historical photos recently received. Mr. Egan asked for a letter of support for the grant they are

applying for. The gift shop has been closed and turned into gallery space. Fund raising events continue with great success.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Prosecution Services Contract with Hanna Schantz for a 2-year term at rate of \$2,150 per month plus mileage reimbursement. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R21 declaring a Categorical Exclusion to the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement for the implementation of the Economic Diversification Strategy Coal Board Grant.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve the assignment of the Cable Montana LLC lease to Tri County Telephone Association for cable equipment on the city's water storage tank.

Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if there could be a section added to the lease assignment requiring cables be buried by the end of the summer 2018. Attorney Ryder stated he could follow up with a letter with this request. She also asked if there is recourse if service is not adequate. Attorney Ryder stated the City does have recourse.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Change Order No. 6 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Rehabilitation project with Karnath Construction in the amount of \$28,787.00. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer