

## City Council Meeting July 24, 2018

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

Also Present: Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, City Attorney Gary Ryder, Public Works Director Bryan Swan and Police Chief Cory Hert

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. City 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 7/10/18 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 7/20/18

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

### **Mayor's Communications:**

Regarding the merger of Avista Corporation with Hydro One, Mayor Williams pointed out that the merger will not result in an early retirement date for units 3 and 4 of the Colstrip Power Plant. The states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho have not yet approved the merger. Hydro One's CEO and Board of Directors have all resigned.

Mayor Williams attended Montana State Day at the White House in Washington, DC last week. The event was put together by President Trump's administration and Montana is the 25<sup>th</sup> state to participate. 30 Mayors and 31 County Commissioners attended the event. In addition to Congressman Greg Gianforte and Senator Steve Daines, the participants were able to visit with several federal officials. The Mayor reported it was a good trip and well worth his time.

There will be an Open House to solicit public input hosted by the Colstrip Community Impact Advisory Group at Colstrip City Hall on August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>. Kadmas, Lee and Jackson and Montana Department of Commerce employees will be facilitating the meetings.

### **Public Hearing:**

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm for the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment. No comments were received from the public. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:22 pm.

### **Public Comment:**

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), addressed the City Council about the services provided by SEMDC and the economic impact in Rosebud County during the past year and cumulative during the past 16.5 years. Jim encouraged the City Council to renew the city's membership dues for 2018-2019. Jim invited everyone to attend the Energy Open in Colstrip on August 15 and 16. Jim reported that John Rogers has been hired to help implement the Colstrip Economic Diversification Strategy. The USDA Grant submitted by SEMDC for Business and Land Development has been approved and will be moving forward.

Tyler Egan, Executive Director of the Schoolhouse History and Art Center (SHAC), updated the City Council on recent activities and upcoming events. Tyler also reported that SHAC has some new board members and employees. SHAC's annual golf tournament will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Campbell, 4417 Remington Drive, asked about the community survey recently sent out to Colstrip residents. Councilperson Shaw explained Colstrip United was involved in the planning process and encouraged everyone to complete and return the survey. Pat stated the City needs to add some streets to the chip-seal project: part of Olive, the street in front of Subway and Willow Avenue. He also acknowledged Jim Atchison for all the work he does for the community.

**Unfinished Business:**

The City is waiting to hear back from Tom Riley with Fish, Wildlife and Parks about placement of the water storage tank in Winchester Park. CPRD's Board will be discussing this at their monthly meeting tomorrow night.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2018-R08, amending the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget for the 2400 Street Light Maintenance Fund. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the Police Department Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the City Employee Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer