

City Council Meeting August 28, 2018

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilpersons Lori Shaw, Jolene Verlanic, Mike Esser and Greg Koczur (arrived at 7:17 pm)

Also Present: Fire Chief Rob Pontius, 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 Esser seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 8/14/18 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/24/18
- Journal Voucher No. 2018-06

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams held a Deer Management Plan meeting last night at City Hall with representatives from Talen Energy, Western Energy and the Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Archery hunting will begin this weekend in accordance with the plan.

There was a meeting at City Hall last week about electric transmission lines with former Montana Public Service Commissioner Tom Schneider.

The Coal Board meets in Colstrip on September 19-20. There will be a tour of the coal mine and dinner hosted by the City of Colstrip on the 19th. The board's regular meeting will be held on the 20th.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing on the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget at 7:14 pm. No comments were received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:15 pm.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), thanked the City of Colstrip for helping to sponsor the dinner at the Energy Open and thanked Mayor Williams and Councilperson Shaw for speaking at the conference. Jim also thanked the City for renewing its membership with SEMDC and presented certificate of appreciation. Colstrip United is

organizing a trip to Washington DC in October and encouraged Mayor Williams to attend as the representative from the City of Colstrip.

Councilperson Koczur arrived at the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Unfinished Business:

So far this is no paperwork indicating Winchester Park was included in the funds received from the Fish, Wildlife and Parks program that would restrict putting a water storage the use of the park. We are waiting for written confirmation of this from Mr. Reilly.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2018-R10, budget transfers for fiscal year 2017-2018. Councilperson Shaw seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2018-R11, adopting the 2018-2019 budget.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution 2018-R12, setting the mill levy at 76 mills for 2018-2019 fiscal year. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Shaw moved to approve Resolution 2018-R13, SHAC Funding. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic verified the funding is \$2,000 more than last year.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2018-R14, setting employees' compensation.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution 2018-R15, setting elected officials' compensation. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution 2018-R16, revising the form and use policy for the Council Chambers Room at City Hall. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the purchase of two backwash pumps at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$43,500 from Jim's Electric. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the purchase of asphalt from Total Asphalt for the grounds around the City Shop in the amount of \$20,000. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Mayor Williams asked the City Council about his attendance in Washington DC with representatives of Colstrip United, SEMDC, Rosebud County, the power plant, the coal mine and Senator Duane Ankney. Councilperson Shaw explained the purpose of the trip is to talk about Colstrip's future with officials in the Department of Interior and Department of Energy. There was no objection from the City Council.

Councilperson Esser asked about ordering the new snow plows soon. Public Works Director Swan will prepare a request for Council's approval next meeting.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer