

City Council Meeting September 11, 2018

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

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 8/28/18 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of 7/16/18 Special Meeting
- Minutes of 8/13/18 Special Meeting
- Claims Roster 9/7/18
- Journal Voucher No. 2018-07

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:

The City received notification of the award of the Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant for the city's Growth Policy Update.

Mayor Williams will be absent from the September 25th City Council meeting due to attending the Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference in Butte.

Mayor Williams shared information from the CCIAG sub-committee meeting last week. Mayor Williams asked City Council if they would like to meet and discuss what is going on with the CCIAG group and if they are satisfied with the information he has been sharing. Councilperson Koczur would like to meet and discuss so that the Council's thoughts can be shared with the CCIAG. Councilperson Shaw agreed giving input at CCIAG meetings would probably be helpful to the CCIAG group.

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.

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee met yesterday in Helena. A couple of items on their agenda pertained to Colstrip. Adam Shafer and Jon Bennion updated the committee on the CCIAG.

Public Comment:

Pat Campbell, 4417 Remington Drive, commented that the City of Colstrip has wasted over \$25,000 on water meters and streets over the last month. Mr. Campbell feels that the community and citizens of Colstrip should know that the money is being wasted and the community should attend these meetings and listen to how the money is being spent. He feels no one is being held accountable as far as wasting money.

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported the City of Colstrip's CDBG Planning Grant was approved to update the Growth Policy in the amount of \$30,000. SEMDC wrote the grant for the City. SEMDC has been awarded a \$25,000 in-kind grant and \$25,000 in cash from the State of Montana for the Marketing and Branding Plan. Jim distributed a pictorial of the Energy Open to council members.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Ryder reported that Tom Reilly of Montana FWP indicated they have found no documents indicating that Winchester Park was included in the Montana LWCF program. A conditional use permit will need to go before the Zoning Commission and an easement from Rosebud County will need to be obtained for placement of the water storage tank in Winchester Park.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the 2nd Annual Run for HOPE on September 29, 2018.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Homecoming Parade on September 28, 2018.

Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve changes to the Safety Policy from the Safety Committee as follows: 'If an employee has a recordable accident after numerous years without a recordable accident, the employee loses the annual safety award for that fiscal year and the employee resumes his/her current accumulated award once he/she successfully completes one fiscal year without a reportable accident' and to amend the definition of an accident to 'Repairable damage to property belonging to the City of Colstrip and/or vehicle in excess of \$1,000'.

Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic moved to amend the damage definition to \$500.00 instead of \$1,000. Councilperson Esser seconded the amendment.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the proposal from Total Asphalt for a concrete foundation for the police department's evidence storage building in the amount of \$10,800.00.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if any vehicles would be parked on the cement pad or in the storage building. Police Chief Hert responded no vehicles would be parked on the pad.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to table the Box Elder Street Gutter Repair due to a problem with the repair on Box Elder/Woodrose. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the purchase of three 8-foot pickup plows from HCL Equipment in the amount of \$22,700. Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the purchase of a sander mounted plow from Custom Equipment for \$17,000. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer