

City Council Meeting
October 9, 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, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan and Fire Chief Rob Pontius

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 9/25/18 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 10/5/18

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams reported a great Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference in Butte. One of the things John recommended to the league's board of directors is to have some type of reception with the legislators during the next legislative session.

There will be a conference call tomorrow with Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson to get another contractor going to finish the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project. The City will then submit a claim to Karnath Contractor's bonding company.

The Growth Policy update will be starting soon.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), thanked Councilperson Shaw and Colstrip United for organizing one of the most productive trips to Washington, DC that he has been on. Jim just returned from a Coal Reliant Communities Forum in Gillette, WY. SEMDC and KLJ were invited to give a presentation on the Colstrip Economic Diversification Strategy.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve additional personnel in the Public Works Department. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Councilperson Esser abstained due to conflict of interest. Councilpersons Shaw, Koczur and Verlanic voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R18 declaring surplus equipment.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R19 increasing employee uniform and clothing allowances.

Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic moved to amend to delete 'officials' and insert 'Mayor'.

Councilperson Koczur seconded the amendment.

Public Comment: None received.

Amendment carried with all in favor.

No further comment or discussion on the main motion as amended. Motion carried as amended with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R20 increasing meal allowances to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$16.00 for lunch and \$28.00 for dinner.

Councilperson Verlanic seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R21 amending the bereavement leave policy to add aunts and uncles.

Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Shaw reported on a trip to Washington, DC October 2-6 she organized to meet with officials from the Departments of Energy and Interior to discuss issues facing Colstrip and opportunities to help. Seven people went including Rosebud County Commissioner Doug Martens, Molly Schwend, Jim Atchison, Gordon Criswell, Jack Standa, and Senator Duane Ankney to find ways to continue Colstrip's legacy. Another trip is being organized to hopefully meet with White House officials.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer