

## City Council Meeting October 23, 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, Police Chief Cory Hert 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 Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 10/9/18 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of 10/9/18 Work Session
- Claims Roster 10/19/18
- Journal Voucher No. 2018-09 & 2018-10

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

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

The Colstrip Community Impact Advisory Group approved the draft plan today and it will be submitted to Puget Sound Energy, the Colstrip City Council and Rosebud County Commissioners. Councilpersons Verlanic and Koczur attended the meeting and provided public comment. There were several changes made at the meeting today to the original draft. We are unsure whether Puget Sound Energy will approve the plan adopted by the group as the plan specifically states impacts due to the closure of units 1 and 2 and not the entire power plant.

City employees are working on a Christmas Dinner and the date is tentatively scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Hearing:**

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 pm for a Variance Request at 438 Alder Court. Kami explained the property owners want to construct a carport to protect and store their RV. Justin Hopkins explained they want to have metal sides on the carport to protect their RV. Councilperson Koczur asked if Mr. Hopkins has talked to his neighbors. Mr. Hopkins has talked to his neighbors and no one has expressed any objections. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:22 pm.

### **Public Comment:**

Jim Atchison, Director of SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported the EPA has opened up public comment on the ACE Plan which replaces the rescinded Clean Power Plan.

Mr. Atchison will provide information to the Mayor if anyone wants to make comment. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, SEMDC will be hosting a town meeting for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and an overview of the growth policy update process.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilperson Koczur moved to terminate the contract with Karnath Contracting based on non-compliance and poor performance. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: Attorney Ryder reported there could be risk to terminating the contract but feels it is in the best interests of the City of Colstrip. The surety company does have the option to hire their own contractor to finish the project.

Public Comment: None received.

Councilpersons Esser, Shaw and Koczur voted in favor. Councilperson Verlanic abstained.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to enter into a contract with Dick Anderson Construction to finish the Wastewater Treatment Rehabilitation Project. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: This contract will be on a cost plus basis anticipated at less than \$100,000. Attorney Ryder explained even though this contract is more than \$80,000, since this project has already been bid out once we do not have to rebid it.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve a variance to the front and side setbacks at 438 Alder Court for the construction of an enclosed metal carport. Councilperson Shaw seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the Utility Easement Agreement with Rosebud County for the placement of a water storage tank in Winchester Park. Councilperson Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to confirm the appointment of Rocky Schwagler as the City of Colstrip's representative to the Rosebud Conservation District Board. Councilperson Koczur seconded.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic suggested that the next appointment to the board be Kami Egan.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.