

## City Council Meeting July 23, 2019

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilpersons Jolene Verlanic, Mike Esser, Greg Koczur and Pat Campbell

Also Present: Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, Fire Chief Rob Pontius, Attorney Ryder Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, 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 Esser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 7/9/19 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 7/19/19
- Journal Voucher Nos. 2019/04-2019/06

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

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

Mayor Williams is contacting the Deer Management Team members to schedule a Deer Management Plan meeting.

The first week in August Mayor Williams will be attending a National League of Cities & Town's League Directors Meeting in Big Sky, Montana to give a presentation on transforming coal communities.

Mayor Williams attended the Montana Coal Council meeting in Billings last week.

Mayor Williams has submitted recommendations to increase the employee credit card limits, increase the purchase authority thresholds, and increase the capital threshold. Councilperson Verlanic asked if there are any limits in state law. Mayor Williams is not aware of any limitations in state law regarding these policies. Council voiced no objections to the Mayor's recommendations. Resolutions will be prepared regarding each recommendation and will be on the City Council's next regular meeting agenda.

There is a Safety Reward BBQ tomorrow at 11:00 am for employees and the Tax Abatement Public Hearing is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm for a windfarm in Northern Rosebud County.

**Special Presentation:**

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, gave his annual membership presentation to the City Council.

**Public Hearing:**

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:32pm for the Environmental Review & Assessment Categorical Exclusion. The City of Colstrip will be submitting a grant application to the Montana Coal Board for assistance in purchasing an aerial platform ladder fire truck.

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, supports the application and noted this fire truck is included in the infrastructure needs assessment.

Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:34 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Doug Whitney, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, updated the City Council on several projects including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, Zone 3 Water Tank, High Service Pump Station Improvements, Growth Policy Update and 2019 Road Reconstruction.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/05 declaring a Categorical Exclusion to the Environmental Review and Assessment requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the purchase of an Onsite Hypochlorite Generator Cell Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$16,250. Councilperson Campbell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Task Order No. 23 for the High Service Pump Station project in the amount of \$6,549.00 for a total cost of \$139,158.00.

Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

The following Budget Presentations were made for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

City Clerk/Treasurer Richards presented budget requests for Finance, Administration, City Hall, Transportation, Liability Insurance, Water & Sewer Customer Accounting, Debt Service and Solid Waste Administration.

Public Works Director Swan presented his budget requests for Streets, Technology Weed & Pest Control, Shop Operations, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Services.

**Administrative Matters:**

City Council went into Executive Session at 8:26 pm to discuss litigation matters. City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:45 pm. No action was taken during or after Executive Session.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer