

City Council Meeting
August 27, 2019

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

Absent: Councilperson Pat Campbell

Also Present: Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, 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 Verlanic moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 8/13/19 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/22/19
- Journal Voucher No. 2019-08

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 street lights in Colstrip will be switched to LED this fall. NorthWestern Energy will be replacing the current mercury vapor lights with LED lights beginning the end of September and plan to be finished by the end of October. We do not know yet what the cost savings will be with the LED lights.

Mayor Williams commented on the street projects being a challenge this year. The Street Project on Homestead and Main and the Water Storage Tank projects were not planned to happen at the same time and have created challenges. Only two companies bid on the street project and First Mark was \$700,000 below the other bidder.

Mayor Williams responded to Talen Energy regarding questions about the city's request to use funds from Talen's Supplement Environmental Project fine towards the construction of a building to house the salt/sand for streets. The funding request has not been finalized yet.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 pm for the 2019-2020 Budget.

Jody Williams reported the Colstrip Medical Center also had to adjust their budget due to the decrease in taxable valuation.

Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:25 pm.

Public Comment:

Doug Whitney, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, updated the City Council on the Water Storage Tank. The hang date has been postponed to the week of September 16. November 1 is the project deadline and the contractor has assured him they anticipate finishing the tank before the deadline.

McKenzie Butcher, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, updated the City Council on the Homestead/Main Street project and the Power Road rehabilitation project. Paving is scheduled beginning on September 9 starting on Main Street, switch to Homestead Boulevard and then on to Power Road. Paving should be finished by September 20th.

New Business:

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R12 adopting the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R13 setting Mill Levies for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R14 setting compensation for elected officials and employees. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R15 approving funding for the Schoolhouse History and Art Center. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R16, intention to cancel the General Election. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: Attorney Ryder explained another resolution will be necessary after the filing deadline to cancel the election if no one else files.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Task Order No. 25/ at a cost of \$141,000. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic asked if this amount was included in the budget. Public Works Director Swan responded it is included in the budget.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve submitting an application to the Delivering Local Assistance Program in the amount of \$400,000 for Phase 3 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation.

Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the purchase of asphalt in the amount of \$40,000 for the acreage tracts. Councilperson Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve the purchase of asphalt in the amount of \$50,000 for Currant Drive. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve the purchase of Ice Slicer in the amount of \$27,090.

Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:47 pm to discuss litigation matters. City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 pm. No action was taken during or after the session.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer