

## City Council Meeting September 24, 2019

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

Also Present: Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, Attorney Ryder Gary Ryder, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Fire Chief Rob Pontius and Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Councilperson Koczur 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 9/10/19 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 9/18/19

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

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

Mayor Williams reported on Public Works Department activities in the absence of Public Works Director Bryan Swan. Bid Awards will be on the next city council's meeting agenda for the purchase of a Sewer Jet Vac truck and the construction of a salt storage building.

The City of Colstrip received a Coal Board Grant for the purchase of an aerial platform fire truck last week in the amount of \$350,000. The City also received an award of \$25,000 for the Community Marketing Plan. Colstrip Public Schools and Rosebud County also received grant awards.

The annual golf/lunch with CPRD is this week. The luncheon scheduled for September 18 was rescheduled to October 11. This lunch is to recognize employees who have or will soon be reaching 20 years of service and 15 years of service.

### **Public Hearing:**

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm for a Variance Request at 3868 Chinook. Planning/Zoning/Code Official Egan explained the residents of 3868 Chinook would like to place a wood framed carport on an existing paved parking pad. The placement will not meet the front or side setback requirements. No public input was received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:22 pm.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm for the Solid Waste Collection Special Assessments. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained the assessments are the same from previous years and no change is requested. However, this year's total assessments will be \$13,000 less than last year's. No public input was received. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:24 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, updated the City Council on the Colstrip Impact Foundation Board. The board has just released a Request for Proposals for investment services. Jim suggested the City consider sponsoring a community feed for all of the construction crews in the community. Jim offered to organize the event if the City is interested.

**New Business:**

Councilperson Campbell moved to approve a variance to the front and side setbacks at 3868 Chinook Drive. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: Peggy Corbitt, 3868 Chinook Drive, commented this property is home and they would like the carport lined up with the existing parking pad. Without the variance, they would have to cut down a tree and the carport would be in the middle of their yard.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R19, Solid Waste Collection Special Assessments. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Verlanic commented that the rates have not increased for residential customers since the city's incorporation.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R20, allocating the Bridge and Road Safety Accountability funds. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Campbell had questions about the use of these funds.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Campbell moved to approve Resolution No. 2019/R21 for \$415,000, committing a match for the Delivering Local Assistance Program funds. Councilperson Verlanic seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison, SEMDC, supports this application and project. This is a new program developed out of the last legislative session and looks like will be very competitive.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Administrative Matters:**

Councilperson Campbell asked about any progress on looking into the drilling of a water well. Mayor Williams reported Kadmas, Lee and Jackson is investigating this.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer