

City Council Meeting November 12, 2019

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

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

- Minutes of 10/22/19 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 11/7/19
- Journal Voucher Nos. 2019-09 & 2019-10

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

A Memorial Service was held yesterday at City Hall in remembrance of Robin Sterrett. In recognition of Veteran's Day yesterday, Mayor Williams recognized Councilperson Greg Koczur, Police Chief Cory Hert, Police Officer Don Purdon, Police Officer James Saylor, Police Officer Jacob West and Police Officer Hossein Borhan.

A couple of weeks ago NBC Montana interviewed Mayor Williams and local citizens including Kevin Murphy and Duane Ankney about Colstrip, coal mining and coal taxes. This interview is now available to view.

Mayor Williams received an email from the Mayor of Farmington, New Mexico. The City of Farmington is assuming partial ownership in the power plant there and are looking at carbon capture.

Public Comment:

Doug Whitney, engineer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, gave an update on the Water Storage Tank, High Service Pump and Phases 1 and 3 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation.

Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation, reported SEMDC is gearing up for the annual CEDS document update and public participation. The Colstrip Impact Foundation has narrowed the selections for management of the funds to two organizations. The deadline is today for

the Community Marketing Plan request for qualifications. Two more requests for qualifications will be advertised soon for the Industrial Park Study and Business Innovation Center. A grant application has been submitted to the Montana Coal Board for a Fiber Optics Study.

Unfinished Business:

A letter has been sent to Maguire Iron regarding the Water Storage Tank Contract. The contractor has requested a change order to eliminate the liquidated damages of \$1,000 per day until the project is complete. The City of Colstrip is considering a change order provided it includes a deduct to cover the financial damages the City will incur during the winter shutdown.

New Business:

Councilperson Campbell moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to the 2018 Pavement Maintenance Contract with Warton Asphalt for a reduction of \$8,341.94. Councilperson Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Verlanic moved to approve Engineering Task Order No. 21 with Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson in the amount of \$28,401.00 for a Control System improvement Scoping Report for the Water and Wastewater Facilities. Councilperson Campbell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

Councilperson Koczur stated either the overpass on Power Road wasn't built up to standards or the trucks are too heavy as there are dips in it already. Public Works Director Swan said he would look at it.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer