

City Council Meeting
April 14, 2020

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilmembers Greg Koczur, Pat Campbell, Mike Esser and Wayne Dudley

Also Present: Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, City Attorney Gary Ryder, Police Chief Cory Hert, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Public Works Director Bryan Swan

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

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Esser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 3/24/20 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 4/09/20
- Void Claim #25898/Warrant #35065

Department 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:

Mayor Williams has had several conversations with Public Service Commission members regarding the filing by NorthWestern Energy. He has also discussed this issue with Senator Ankney and the City's lobbyist, Bob Gilbert.

Public Comment: None received.

Unfinished Business:

Councilmember Esser moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 20-02, repealing Ordinance 99-05. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilmember Esser moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-03, updating Building Codes enforced by the City of Colstrip.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-R10, declaring surplus equipment and supplies and authorizing its sale or disposal.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to award the bid to Greystone Construction for the construction of the salt storage building in the amount of \$122,360.

Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve a professional services contract with Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC) in the amount of \$60,000 for grant administration and economic development services.

Councilmember Esser seconded.

Discussion: City Attorney Ryder explained he worked with Jim Atchison of SEMDC to develop this agreement. Attorney Ryder noted a correction to Section 3 of the agreement; the date should be June 30, 2021.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison, Executive Director of SEMDC, will be in discussions with Rosebud County, Powder River County and Custer County for a similar agreement as there are significant projects taking place in these three counties. Just in the City of Colstrip, SEMDC is involved in eleven projects right now involving 18 funding sources.

Councilmember Campbell moved to amend his motion to correct the contract end date to June 30, 2021. Councilmember Esser seconded.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Main motion carried as amended with all in favor.

Administrative Matters:

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:30 pm to discuss litigation related matters. City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:52 pm. No action was taken during or after the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer