

City Council Meeting  
January 12, 2021

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Fire Chief Rob Pontius, 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 12/22/20 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 1/7/21
- Journal Voucher No. 2021-01

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports were given by Fire Chief Pontius, Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Senator Ankney has two bills before the Montana Legislature directly affecting the City of Colstrip. The Montana League of Cities & Towns will be supporting these bills. Senate Bill 86 revises coal-fired generation remediation and retirement requirements and Senate Bill 87 revises legal obligations of coal-fired power plant owners in regards to public water supplies. The Montana League of Cities and Towns is in support of these bills. House Bill 107 would revise mill levy election laws and require 2/3 voter approval for new mill levies and mill levy increases. The Montana League of Cities & Towns is in opposition to this bill.

Mayor Williams recommends forming a committee to review and make recommendations on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which expired on 12/31/20, and COVID related issues.

Chris Dorrington has been appointed the new Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

**Public Comment:** None received.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Councilmember Koczur nominated Councilmember Pat Campbell as Council Chairperson.  
Councilmember Esser seconded.  
No other nominations were made.  
Councilmember Campbell was elected Council Chairperson by a vote of 3-0.

Councilmember Esser moved to approve the following Council Committee appointments for 2021:

Public Works/Utilities – Councilmember Esser  
Public Safety – Councilmember Campbell & Councilmember Koczur  
Personnel – Councilmember Campbell  
Zoning – Councilmember Koczur  
Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.  
Discussion: None.  
Public Comment: None received.  
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the appointment of Gary Parry to the City/County Planning Board as a representative of the City of Colstrip.  
Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.  
Discussion: None.  
Public Comment: None received.  
Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer