

City Council Meeting
March 9, 2021

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

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Fire Chief Rob Pontius, City Attorney Gary Ryder 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 2/23/21 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 3/5/21

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams will be meeting next week with a representative from Talen on the raw water transportation costs.

Mayor Williams notified the City Council he may be gone more than 10 days in April.

Information was distributed from the Colstrip Medical District regarding a possible increase in their mill levy.

The Coal Board meets March 11th. The City of Colstrip will be requesting an extension on the grant for the Regional Marketing Study/Rebranding Plan.

Mayor Williams recommends updating and reviewing the City's Employee Compensation Classification document. Councilmember Campbell moved to authorize the Mayor to move forward with the review and update. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Colstrip Impact Foundation is accepting applications for the community transition funds from Puget. Applications will be accepted March 1 – April 30.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported SEMDC is working with VPS to start phase 2 of the Broadband Feasibility Study. SEMDC responded to EDA's request for additional information on the Water and Sewer Systems Control project. The Energy Park Preliminary Engineering Study is almost complete.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the appointment of Cheryl Fulkerson to the Colstrip Police Commission for a three-year term.

Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer