

City Council Meeting
March 23, 2021

Present: Mayor John Williams, Council members Pat Campbell, Mike Esser, Wayne Dudley and Greg Koczur.

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin, City Attorney Gary Ryder and Public Works Director Bryan Swan.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- * Minutes of the 3/9/21 Regular Meeting
- * Claims Roster 3/18/21

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Egan, Attorney Ryder and Public Works Director Swan.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams notified the City Council that Police Officer Jacob West will be leaving our Police Department. The city will have a safety meeting and going away get together on Friday March 26, 2021. Mayor Williams then read a letter that he wrote to Police Officer Jacob West thanking him for his service and wishing him the best for his future endeavors.

Mayor Williams also expressed his gratitude for Police Department as the tragedy in Colorado is a good reminder to us all how lucky we are to live in a very safe community.

Public Works Director Bryan Swan played a video of Senator Ankney, Mayor Williams and Jim Atchison testifying in Helena for Senate Bill No. 87. Mayor Williams explained the bill, which is requiring the power plant owners to fulfill their obligation to provide water to the Community of Colstrip at a reasonable cost. The city does not have any other options for safe water if the power plant owners do not agree to continue this service.

Mayor Williams explained that the American Rescue Plan will distribute 2.7 billion dollars to the State of Montana. The City of Colstrip will receive \$543,000. Rosebud County will receive \$1 million. Mayor Williams explained that as we receive information regarding the funds we should create a committee to work on uses for the money.

Mayor Williams explained that the city has received a response from Public Sector regarding the job description and wage study that they are conducting. The study will cost between \$5,000 -\$10,000 to complete.

Mayor Williams also has received the midyear legislative update from the Montana League of Cities and Towns. This is the activities of all the cities and towns in the State of Montana.

Mayor Williams will be meeting with the Talen Accountant on Thursday, March 25th.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Special Event Permit Request-Festival of Art/Brewfest was withdrawn.
- B. Council Resignation.

Mayor Williams reported that Councilmember Pat Campbell has submitted his resignation to the City Council effective April 11th. The Council will have 30 days from that date to fill his position. Pat will be the new Assistant Public Works Director.

Councilmember Dudley made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilmember Pat Campbell effective April 11th, 2021. Councilmember Esser seconded the motion. Councilmember Dudley voted yes, Councilmember Koczur voted yes, Councilmember Campbell abstained and Councilmember Esser voted yes. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

Tana Pippin, Deputy Clerk