

City Council Meeting April 27, 2021

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

Also Present: Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, City Attorney Gary Ryder and Assistant Public Works Director Pat Campbell

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 4/13/21 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 4/22/21

Departmental Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Phase 3 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is almost complete. This project was partially funded by the Delivering Local Assistance (DLA) Grant. Total cost of the project with engineering was almost \$1 million, with the DLA grant contributing \$415,000.

HB 632, regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, is before the Montana Legislature this week. An amendment is being considered that would restrict cities' and towns' ability to hire lobbyists or utilize the Montana League of Cities and Towns.

A new police officer has been hired and will be joining the Colstrip Police Department.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported on legislation passed by the Montana Legislature that affects Colstrip. The engineering plan for the Energy Park is complete. The Regional Marketing Plan is also complete. The Broadband Feasibility Study is almost complete. SEMDC will be requesting the City of Colstrip apply to the Big Sky Trust Fund for a job creation grant in the amount of \$90,000. SEMDC's Board of Directors approved a resolution at their last meeting to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants for the City of Colstrip, City of Forsyth and Rosebud County.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to remove the Pavement Maintenance Program/PASER Study from the table. Councilmember Esser seconded the motion. Councilmembers Dudley and Esser voted in favor. Councilmember Koczur voted nay. Motion carried.

Councilmember Esser moved to approve the Pavement Maintenance Program/PASER Study with KLJ Engineering in the amount of \$58,600.00. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley doesn't feel the Council has had ample time to review and make an informed decision. Councilmember Koczur feels the city employees drive the city streets every day and could do it much cheaper.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion failed 0-3.

Councilmember Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-R04, approving the settlement agreement with Traveler's Casualty & Surety Company in the amount of \$125,000.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Esser moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-R03, surplusing a 2014 Dodge RAM police vehicle. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve a Special Event Permit submitted by the Schoolhouse History and Art Center for a Festival of Art/Brewfest on June 25, 2021.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Koczur moved to approve Change Order #1 to the Wastewater Improvements Phase 3 project with Syblon Reid in the amount of \$1,800. Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Koczur moved to appoint Dan Becker to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Councilmember Koczur abstained as he does not like the way it is done.

Councilmember Dudley and Councilmember Esser voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Koczur moved to nominate Councilmember Becker as Council Chairman.
Councilmember Becker moved to nominate Councilmember Koczur.
Councilmembers Dudley, Koczur and Esser voted for Councilmember Becker as Council Chairman.
Councilmember Becker was elected Council Chairman.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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