

**City Council Meeting
September 28, 2021**

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

Also Present: City Attorney Gary Ryder, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Assistant Public Works Director Pat Campbell and Deputy Clerk Tana Pippin

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

Consent Agenda:

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

*Minutes of 9/14/21 Regular Meeting

*Claims Roster 9/24/21

Department Reports:

Reports were given by Assistant Police Chief Egan, Public Works Director Swan and Attorney Ryder.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams sent a letter to SEMDC regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with Clearwater Energy Resources and Water.

The city has obtained its Wastewater Discharge Permit and it is in place.

The city has submitted the completion report of the Diversification Study to the Coal Board.

Mayor Williams met with a group of citizens regarding creation of a Beautification Committee. There is an interest in improving the city with clean up, complaint process and public nuisance.

Mayor Williams asked Council to authorize payment to Exxon/Wex Bank for fuel. Several receipts have not been turned in so a claim was not able to be processed for Council's approval.

Councilmember Koczur made a motion to a authorize payment to Exxon/Wex Bank for fuel.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Public Comment:

Jim Atchison, 7405 Castle Rock Lake Drive, spoke in support of the Coal Board Application for the Business Innovation Center. Jim thanked the city for their continued support of SEMDC.

New Business:

Resolution No. 2021-R20/Use Local Workforce on Wind Farm Project

Councilmember Dudley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R20/Use Local Workforce on Wind Farm Project. Councilmember Esser seconded the motion.

No discussion or public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution No. 2021-R21/Assess Uncollectible Water & Sewer Charges.

Councilmember Esser made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R21/Assess Uncollectible Water & Sewer Charges. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Koczur noted the property owner of one of the accounts has passed away. No public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution No. 2021-R22/Assess Mowing Services.

Councilmember Becker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R22/Assess Mowing Services. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked if the work has already been done. Mayor Williams confirmed the properties have already been mowed.

No public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Water Plant Back Wall and Footing Repair Contract with Total Asphalt Repair.

Councilmember Esser made a motion to approve the Water Plant Back Wall and Footing Repair Contract with Total Asphalt Repair in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Koczur asked if the blocks have been in place for 5 years? Public Works Director Swan explained that the project is over 15 years old and the contractors did not put footings under the blocks so that is what is being done to stabilize the wall.

No public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Coal Board Grant Application for the Solid Waste Truck.

Councilmember Dudley made a motion to prepare a Coal Board Grant Application for the Solid Waste Collection Truck. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

No public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Coal Board Grant Application for the Public Works Department Vehicles.

Councilmember Esser made a motion to prepare a Coal Board Grant Application for the Public Works Department Vehicles. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

No public comment received.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Coal Board Grant Application for the Business Innovation Center.

Councilmember Dudley made a motion to prepare a Coal Board Grant Application for the Business Innovation Center. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, thanked the City Council for agreeing to submit this grant application. An announcement from EDA for a grant to pay for the majority of the project costs is expected any day. The next City Council meeting will be a public hearing and resolution regarding the required environmental components of the grant application.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Koczur would like to put an item on the agenda for the next council meeting regarding Colstrip becoming a second amendment sanctuary city. Councilmember Becker said that he has a sample resolution.

Adjournment:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Tana Pippin, Deputy Clerk