

City Council Meeting
April 23, 2024

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Jack Rosander, Wayne Dudley, Rose Hanser and Greg Koczur

Also Present: Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan, Zoning/Planning/Code Official Kami Egan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Public Works Director Pat Zent

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: None. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 4/9/24 Regular Meeting
- Claims #30453-30491 \$155,351.50
- Payroll Summary 4/12/24 \$ 96,615.65
- Journal Voucher Nos. 2024-02 & 2024-03

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Assistant Police Chief Egan, Zoning/Planning/Code Official Egan, Fire Chief Reda, City Attorney Sullivan, Public Works Director Zent and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Interviews have been completed for a full-time police officer and part-time dispatcher. Hiring recommendations are contingent upon background checks.

Carpet replacement at City Hall has been completed. Mayor Williams thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with moving furniture during the carpet replacement.

Mayor Williams reported the property on Antelope Drive has been cleaned up and the mobile home removed by the city's Public Works Department. He thanked everyone involved in getting this property cleaned up. Another property on Zane Grey is being dealt with due to the death of the property owner.

A meeting regarding the water feasibility study was held today in preparation for the meeting in July with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the power plant owners.

A draft copy of the updated Capital Improvements Plan was submitted today. Completion of the plan and submission to the City Council for approval is scheduled for May.

Mayor Williams will be speaking in Billings tomorrow at the Carbon Ore, Rare Earth and Critical Minerals Annual Meeting hosted by the University of Wyoming's School of Energy. Jim Atchison (SEMDC), Gary Parry and Duane Ankney will also be speaking at the conference.

Mayor Williams was invited to the Energy Communities Alliance Forum in May in Washington but will be unable to attend. He requested City Council's approval for Duane Ankney to attend on behalf of the City of Colstrip and to pay his travel expenses estimated at a couple thousand dollars. City Council members had no objection. Jim Atchison (SEMDC) will also be attending the forum.

There will be an Open House at City Hall next Tuesday morning at 8:30 am sponsored by Grid United regarding the North Plain Connector transmission line.

Public Comment & Participation: None received.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Task Order No. 1/Sludge Management Equipment Pilot Testing is not yet ready for council's consideration. Mayor Williams removed the item from the agenda with council's concurrence.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer