

## City Council Meeting June 10, 2025

Present: Councilmembers Greg Koczur, Wayne Dudley, Jack Rosander and Rose Hanser  
Absent: Mayor John Williams  
Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Operator Kyle Blake, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and City Attorney Michelle Sullivan

Council Chairperson Hanser 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. No discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 5/27/25 Regular Meeting
- Claims #31694-31746 \$325,376.24
- Payroll Summary 05/23/25 \$124,722.34

### **Department Reports:**

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, City Attorney Sullivan, Public Works Operator Blake and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

### **Public Comment & Participation:**

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Center (SEMDC), updated the City Council on the construction of the Business Innovation Center.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Councilmember Rosander moved to appoint Zane Longacre to the Local Government Study Commission per the recommendation of the Local Government Study Commission. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the proposed City Code Changes to 8-1-14, 8-2-2 and 8-3-5. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Attorney Sullivan described the procedure to amend the city code. Councilmember Koczur asked that the proposed code changes be published in the Independent Press. Council discussed whether to delay action to allow for more discussion and review of the proposed changes. Council Dudley moved to table approval and send to the Zoning Commission. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Amendment carried with all in favor.

No further discussion or public comment.

Motion as amended carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Special Event Permits for Fireworks during Colstrip Days at the following locations: 7411 Castle Rock Lake Drive, 6624 Browning and 1693 Bozeman Court.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked about time frame. Fireworks are only allowed between 11:00 am – 11:00 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution 2025-R06 authorizing the lease of premises at City Hall to Southeastern Montana Development Corporation.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the Lease Agreement with Southeastern Montana Development Corporation for temporary office space at City Hall from June 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison thanked the City Council for considering their request. SEMDC will be responsible for any expenses that may be incurred due to their presence at City Hall such as internet, phone, etc. No bids were received for the current SEMDC office building so at this point it will be demolished unless a buyer comes forward soon and moves it.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley moved to amend the motion to correct Item 2. Use to change the word Lessor to Lessee and to change June 1, 2025 to “date of occupancy”. Councilmember Rosander seconded. Amendment approved with all in favor.

Motion as amended carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Change Order No. 2 to the Business Innovation Center Contract with TW Ridley in the amount of \$ 16,394.53. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Koczur asked if the architect comes down and visits from time to time.

Jim Atchison responded there is an on-site meeting with the architects and contractor every two weeks plus they are in constant contact via phone.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison, SEMDC, explained the change order is due the requirement for a larger water service connection due to the fire suppression system. The first change order deducted \$25,000 from the project cost so the overall contract price is still below the original bid.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander reported on the Coal Board meeting last week. He advised the board of the transfer of the fire engine to the Treasure County Fire Department, which was well received by the Coal Board. The city’s grant application to update the Diversification Strategy was approved.

Council Chairperson Hanser adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.