

City Council Meeting  
February 13, 2024

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

Absent: Councilmember Rose Hanser

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

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 1/23/24 Regular Meeting
- Claims #30218-30278 \$161,983.48
- Payroll Summary 1/18/24 \$109,529.87
- Payroll Summary 2/02/24 \$ 99,665.55

**Department Reports:**

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

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams shared the Mission & Vision Statement for the Colstrip Cemetery as developed by the Cemetery Board. The board has completed its draft policies and is currently working on landscaping improvements for the cemetery.

Defensive Driving training was provided to city employees by Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority. Attendees have been given a course certification to submit to their insurance carriers for possible vehicle insurance discounts.

The Coal Board Grant Contract for the PASER Study has been signed. Doug Whitney has taken the PASER Study done by KLJ Engineering and broke it down into fiscal years for budgeting and planning purposes.

Mayor Williams and Attorney Sullivan have been working on the resolution to submit the question of a local government study to the voters on the June Primary Election Ballot.

There will be a Water Feasibility Study meeting at 1:00 pm at City Hall this Thursday. An Ash Pond Remediation Public Meeting will also be Thursday at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Both meetings will be facilitated by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

**Public Comment & Participation:**

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Center, reported the Invitation for Bid has been released for the construction of the Business Innovation Center. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for next week with bid opening on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The building is being funded by 3 grants and not tax dollars with a fourth grant being obtained to assist with operational costs.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-01, prohibiting marijuana businesses within city limits.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

Councilmember Koczur nominated Rose Hanser for Council Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Motion carried with all in favor to select Rose Hanser as Council Chairperson.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the following appointments to Council Committees:

Public Safety Committee: Greg Koczur

Public Works/Utilities Committee: Jack Rosander

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to continue with the following Board/Committee Appointments:

- Zoning Commission: Greg Koczur, Zane Longacre, John O’Toole, Michelle Richards and Rose Hanser
- City Planning Board: Jolene Verlanic, Wendy Acton, Kala de la Ossa, Zane Longacre, Wayne Dudley and Gary Parry
- Colstrip Police Commission: Duane Cole, Kathy McLane and Jolene Verlanic
- Colstrip Fire Dept Advisory Board: Greg Koczur, Jackson Craig, Rusty Batie, Garrick Goodheart and Ryan McCracken
- Cemetery Board: Tasha Miller, Dan Negethon, Joan Hantz, Rick McCulloch and Janet Whiteaker
- Safety Committee: Don Purdon, Cory Hert, Pat Zent, Jager Patton and John Williams
- County Planning Board: Garry Parry, Kami Egan, Jan Morgan and Pat Zent
- County Solid Waste Board: Rob Pontius & Pat Zent
- Southeastern Montana Development Corporation: John Williams
- 911: Cory Hert
- Rosebud Conservation District: Kathy McLane

- County Solid Waste Board: Rob Pontius & Pat Zent
- Crimestoppers: Greg Koczur, Duane Cole, Cory Hert and John Williams
- Colstrip Impact Foundation: Greg Koczur

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.  
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the replacement of carpet at City Hall by Carpet One in the amount of \$40,899.70.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve Resolution 2024-03(A) submitting the question of conducting a Local Government Review and electing three Study Commissioners.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: The question will be on the Primary Election Ballot in June and if the majority vote in favor of conducting the review, the study commissioners would be elected in November on the General Election Ballot. An ex-officio member will also be appointed to assist the commission through the study.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Koczur moved to approve the Amended Memorandum of Understanding with Rosebud County reducing the monthly payment from \$500 to \$112 per month for VOIP telephone services.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve Task Order No. 5 with Municipal Infrastructure Consulting to update the city's capital improvement plan in the amount of \$24,542.50.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer