

City Council Meeting August 11, 2026

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilmembers Corrie Hadaller, Wayne Dudley, Zane Longacre and Jack Rosander

Also Present: Police Chief Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Official Kami Egan, Fire Chief Tony Reda and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Hadaller offered the invocation. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Longacre moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Rosander asked about the claims for Firefighter pensions and if the money comes from the State of Montana. Clerk/Treasurer Richards confirmed the fund the pensions are paid from currently is funded by the state. Motion carried with all in favor.

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| • Minutes of 7/28/26 | Regular Meeting |
| • Claims #33003-33056 | \$90,139.81 |
| • Payroll Summary 7/31/26 | \$136,470.50 |
| • Journal Voucher No. 2026-08 | |

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Official Egan, Fire Chief Reda and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

A grant application has been submitted to the Montana Coal Board for \$150,000 to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses for the city's fire department for the board's consideration at their September meeting.

The Coal Board has denied the city's draw request on the chlorine analyzers as the acquisition was made prior to the grant request approval. Mayor Williams has submitted a written appeal of this decision.

A work session will be scheduled to discuss the development of council rules of procedure as suggested by Councilmember Longacre. Councilmember Longacre has developed a draft proposal and provided examples from a couple of other cities in Montana.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Center, reported on the 23rd Annual Energy Open held last week in Colstrip. Four excellent speakers including representatives from Northwestern Energy, Grid United, Governor's Energy Task Force and INL. 76 golfers golfed on Friday. Jim thanked the City of Colstrip for co-hosting the banquet with Rosebud County. This Friday Grid United is hosting a public informational breakfast at the BIC regarding the electric transmission line.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-05, a Charter Amendment Proposal from the Colstrip Local Government Study Review Commission to be submitted to the voters at the November General Election.

Councilmember Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06, establishing compensation for city employees during fiscal year 2026-2027.

Councilmember Hadaller seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Longacre moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-07, setting the compensation of the City Council and Mayor.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-R08, budget transfers for fiscal year 2026.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2026.

Councilmember Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: City Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the preliminary revenues, expenditures, taxable value and mill levies.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-09, the intention to levy special assessments for solid waste collection services.

Councilmember Hadaller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley noted the solid waste collection assessment for residential service has never been increased since the city took over operation of garbage collection from the county.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer