

City Council Meeting January 13, 2026

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Tony Reda, City Attorney Michelle Millhollin, Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Kami Egan, Public Works Director Pat Zent, Police Chief Cory Hert and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Williams offered a prayer. The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Williams to newly elected councilmembers Corrie Hadaller and Zane Longacre. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 12/22/25 Regular Meeting
- Claims #32355-32420 \$905,056.84
- Payroll Summary 12/19/25 \$127,149.44
- 1/02/26 \$134,680.92
- Journal Voucher Nos. 2026-01 & 2026-02

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, Public Works Director Zent, Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Egan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, City Clerk/Treasurer Richards and City Attorney Millhollin.

Mayor's Communications:

The Energy & Telecommunications Legislative Committee is meeting this Thursday. Representative Gary Parry is on this committee. On the agenda for discussion is House Bill 368 passed last year providing future funding for water for Colstrip.

City staff and KLJ Engineering are working on recovery of ARPA Grant Funding for the North End Water Loop and Filter/Clarifier Building Projects.

Mayor Williams presented a plaque to former City Councilmember Greg Koczur for his years of service on the City Council.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, thanked the City Council for renewing the city's membership in SEMDC. Colstrip has been a member of SEMDC since 1997.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Rosander nominated Wayne Dudley for Council Chairman.

Councilmember Hadaller seconded the nomination. No other nominations made.

Motion carried with all in favor.

The following committee assignments were made:

Public Safety – Zane Longacre replacing Greg Koczur

Public Works/Utilities – Jack Rosander will continue to serve

Planning Board – Corrie Hadaller

Zoning – Zane Longacre will continue to serve

Union Negotiations – Jack Rosander

SEMDC – Mayor Williams will continue to serve on the board

Colstrip Impact Foundation – Jack Rosander replacing Greg Koczur

Councilmember Longacre moved to approve Change Order No. 1/WWTP to Cedar Water Main Contract w/COP Construction in the amount of \$45,085.24.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ryan Welsh, KLJ Engineering, explained the reasons for the change order include stand-by time, slow-down time, a work change directive and reconciliation of installed and returned quantities. Councilmember Dudley asked if this project is finished and if there would be anymore change orders. Mr. Welsh stated the project is complete and there would be no other change orders.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer