

## City Council Meeting September 26, 2023

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

Also Present: City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Pat Zent, and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Councilmember Dudley moved approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 8/22/23 Special Budget Meeting
- Minutes of 8/24/23 Special Budget Meeting
- Minutes of 9/6/23 Special Meeting
- Minutes of 9/12/23 Regular Meeting
- Claims #29815-29850 \$117,027.99
- Payroll Summary 9/15/23 \$103,089.22

### **Department Reports:**

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

### **Mayor's Communications:**

The Montana Coal Board approved the city's two grant applications at their quarterly meeting last week.

Mayor Williams recognized the following employees for their years of service: Ben Hitt, 5 years; Jaylene Allison, 10 years and Wendy Acton, 5 years.

The Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference is next month in Helena. Mayor Williams encouraged the council members to register and attend if they are able to.

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

Rick McCulloch, 4323 Ballantine Drive, applauds the city for cleaning up properties in town. He heard that one person signed over the title to a mobile home but is not being charged for the cleanup of the property. He feels the property owner should be charged for the cleanup.

**Unfinished Business:**

City Code changes will be presented at a future meeting per the discussion held at the special meeting.

**New Business:**

Councilmember Koczur moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-R15, intent to increase the monthly dewatering wells rate from \$60 per month to \$90 per month and set a public hearing. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Hanser asked about the amount of discharge. Mayor Williams explained the city does not meter the amount of discharge. The rate increase is due to electrical rate increases and other treatment expense increases.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Homecoming Parade and closure of Park Street on September 29, 2023.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Hanser noted there was nothing in the permit application about cleanup.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer