

City Council Meeting December 9, 2025

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

Also Present: City Attorney Michelle Millhollin, Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Kami Egan, Public Work's Maintenance Worker/Utility Operator Kyle Blake, Assistant Police Chief Kris Egan and Deputy Clerk Krista Hazel.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm. Deputy Clerk Hazel completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

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| • Minutes of 11/25/25 | Regular Meeting |
| • Claims #32260-32314 | \$427,555.15 |
| • Payroll Summary 11/21/25 | \$125,849.96 |

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Public Work's Maintenance Worker/Utility Operator Kyle Blake, Assistant Police Chief Egan, Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Egan and City Attorney Millhollin.

Mayor's Communications: Shared information on the Property Tax Analysis for the Clearwater Solar and Storage Project provided by the County Commissioners. Will be attending the next Coal Board meeting on December 11, 2025 by Zoom. The Colstrip Medical Center has an application that will be reviewed. Will also be sending the Coal Board updated information on the Growth Policy and our Cemetery Project. As we develop numbers, we will be going out for bid on the City's Road Projects for 2026 and then submitting an application to request funding assistance from the Coal Board. Let City Council know that they will be hearing more about the line running from Cedar to the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to delays due to information that the City did not receive and additional costs that have come up. Tokyo Broadcasting System would like to come to Colstrip for an interview on issues connected with Colstrip's future in its relationship with energy. May be gone for the next scheduled City Council meeting, December 23, 2025.

There was a discussion between the City Council if they should move the next meeting to December 22, 2025 @ 1:00. No vote was taken but all agreed to move this meeting.

Public Comment & Participation: Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development. They will be starting to work on their CEDS Recap (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) the first of the year. Will also be updating the Colstrip Diversification Strategy. Shared information on the BIC (Business Innovation Center) as it continues to be worked on. Has been speaking to the Rosebud County Commissioners to seriously consider doing a county wide Housing Study for Rosebud County. Shared information on how this study relates to HB819. He has also been speaking to the County Commissioners about a potential county wide Housing Authority. Jim will also be continuing the work that Senator Ankney started on the SMR (Small Module Nuclear Reactors) Task Force.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the Clarifier Building VFD Replacement in the amount of \$17,870.00.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve Change Order No. 1/Cemetery Paving/Warren Transport in the amount of \$17,264.33.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Koczur asked Mayor Williams for clarification on the breakdown of this request.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve December 26, 2025 a Holiday for Employees.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion carried with all in favor.

Before adjournment Councilmember Rosander asked to be placed on the next meeting's agenda to request that the current Veteran's Park be renamed the John Williams Veteran's Park. An emotional Mayor Williams gratefully thanked Councilmember Rosander for the kind words but shared that he would like it to stay as is.

Councilmember Hanser verified with the other Council members that everyone will be available for the next meeting to be moved to December 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Krista Hazel, Deputy Clerk