

City Council Meeting  
August 13, 2024

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

Also Present: Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Kami Egan, City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards and Public Works Director Pat Zent

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 Rosander seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked about the claim for the fire truck chassis and the timeline to receive the truck. The last report received was the new truck should be delivered by the end of the year . No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 7/23/24 Regular Meeting
- Claims #30789-30852                      \$429,408.61
- Payroll Summary 8/2/24                \$115,717.41
- Journal Voucher No. 2024-06

**Department Reports:**

Reports were presented by Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement Officer Egan, City Attorney Sullivan, Public Works Director Zent and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

**Mayor's Communications:**

A Deer Management Plan meeting was held on July 31<sup>st</sup> with one member of the public in attendance and four representatives from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The plan will continue with no changes and 150 antlerless mule dule licenses will be available this year.

Three Coal Board grant applications were submitted for the next Montana Coal Board meeting in September: Business Innovation Center (additional funding) \$330,000; Crack Sealing in the amount of \$200,000 and Water Main Replacement Cedar/WWTP in the amount of \$481,670.

A Notice of Award has been submitted to COP Construction for the North End Water Loop project.

Mayor Williams reminded City Council of the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in West Yellowstone the first week of October.

City Judge Penny McPherson recently attended the National Judges Association conference in Vermont and was appointed Secretary on the Executive Board.

Mayor Williams attended the Energy Open held in Colstrip last week and reported it was an excellent conference.

**Public Comment & Participation:**

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported over 100 attendees at the annual Energy Open last week. Jim reviewed the speakers in attendance and topics discussed at the conference. Jim thanked the City for co-sponsoring the dinner and assisting with transportation of golf courts for the golf tournament.

**New Business:**

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-R07, intent to levy special assessments for solid waste collection with a public hearing on August 27, 2024.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve a two-year legal services contract with Sullivan Miller Law PLLC.

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer