

City Council Meeting
June 13, 2023

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

Absent: Councilmember Greg Koczur

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of 5/23/23 Regular Meeting
- Claims #29456-29529 \$305,535.74
- Payroll Summary 5/26/23 \$108,582.18
- Payroll Summary 6/9/23 \$ 89,710.44
- Zoning Commission Appointment – Michelle Richards

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The grounds maintenance contract has been terminated with Total Asphalt Repair effective July 5, 2023. The city's Public Works Department will take care of grounds maintenance on city property.

Improvements are being made at the Colstrip Cemetery. A resolution creating a Cemetery Board will be on the council's next meeting agenda. The Rosebud County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing as required by Montana state law on June 27th regarding the transfer of the cemetery from the county to the city.

Mayor Williams, Councilmember Rosander, Attorney Sullivan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards met with SEMDC last week to discuss the Business Innovation Center.

Mayor Williams attended the Montana Coal Board meeting last week in Billings. Mayor Williams provided the board with information on the purchasing cooperative program available for local governments to utilize.

Mayor Williams attended the Quality of Life's Centennial/Colstrip Days planning meeting today.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Center, reported the Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties will be their meeting in Colstrip on June 20th. Mid-term reports on the four value-added energy technical studies. The studies should be completed by September 1. The EDA has approved the amendment to reduce the size of the Business Innovation Center. Geotechnical Samples were conducted on the building site with favorable results. Jim updated the City Council on a possible small modular nuclear study.

Unfinished Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Weapons in the Workplace Policy.

Councilmember Hanser seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Hanser asked if the Employee Policy Manual restricts weapons in vehicles. The policy manual will need to be amended so as not to conflict with this new policy.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the Special Event Permit requests submitted by Jessica Jowell, Krista Hazel and Steve Christian for fireworks during Colstrip Days June 21-25, 2023.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the purchase of two 2022 Ford Explorer Police Vehicles in the amount of \$92,000.00 from Duval Ford and Dana Safety Supply. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve Task Order No. 3 with Municipal Infrastructure Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$9,573.00 for Sludge Pond Volume. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Hanser asked about the fee for additional services as the rate is not indicated on the task order. Doug Whitney responded the fee is specified in the Master Services Contract.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer