

City Council Meeting September 24, 2024

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

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, 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 Hanser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion. Discussion: None. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 9/10/24 Regular Meeting
- Claims #30935-30970 \$ 79,583.27
- Payroll Summary 9/13/24 \$111,697.24

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Both grant applications were approved by the Montana Coal Board last week for the street crack sealing and water main replacement from Cedar Avenue to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the past 15 years the City of Colstrip has received \$4,654,187 in grant funds from the Montana Coal Board. Mayor Williams reviewed the grant application and management process and all of the work involved in obtaining and administering grants.

Mayor Williams will be going to Roundup this Friday to attend a rally in support of the Stillwater Mine. He will also be gone most of next week to attend the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in West Yellowstone.

Public Comment & Participation:

Seth Katolas, Resident Engineer with Vantage Point Solutions, gave an update on the Fiber Optic Installation in town for Range. The east side of town is almost complete and they are ahead of schedule at this time. They hope to be done before winter. There have been issues with utility lines being hit especially telephone landlines. Utility locates are requested but CenturyLink does not have local employees to complete all the locates or they are not marked correctly. Councilmember Dudley commented he has experienced hits on utility lines but Vantage Point has been very good to work with and very accommodating.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Change Order No. 2 to the Water and Wastewater Control System Replacement Contract with Colstrip Electric for an increase of \$20,683.00

Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Dudley had questions on this change. Public Works Director Zent explained this was for new wires to control the water filter valves and new conduit and wires to the chemical room.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Change Order No. 2 to the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Contract with Colstrip Electric for a decrease of \$15,580.07.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: Public Works Director Zent explained there are existing heaters that were going to be replaced but due to several factors, it was decided to remove the heater replacement from this project contract.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

City Council went into executive session at 7:26 pm to discuss a personnel matter. City Council returned from executive session at 7:34 pm. No action was taken during or after the executive session.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer