

City Council Meeting
February 11, 2025

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

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Fire Chief Tony Reda, Lead Water & Wastewater Operator Christian Kappel, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, Deputy Clerk Krista Hazel and City Attorney Michelle Sullivan.

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

Consent Agenda:

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

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| • Minutes of 1/28/25 | Regular Meeting |
| • Claims #31343-31393 | \$81,338.66 |
| • Payroll Summary 01/31/25 | \$118,764.72 |

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Official Kami Egan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, City Attorney Michelle Sullivan and Lead Water & Wastewater Operator Christian Kappel.

Mayor's Communications

Colstrip Legislative Reception – Good turnout & conversations. Colstrip was well represented. Was able to meet with the Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Director, Christy Clark, about the possibility of creating a state park with Castle Rock Lake.

Congratulation to Colonel Pete Ankney. Great outpouring of community support for this special pinning ceremony. Congressman Downing also attended this local celebration.

There were six (6) bids received for the Business Innovation Center (BIC) project with one coming in significantly under the project estimate. We will be moving forward in the process with that bid.

Public Comment & Participation: None

Unfinished Business:

Montana Moose Lease Renewal – Councilmember Koczur moved to remove the Montana Moose Lease Renewal from the table. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. No discussion. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Before entertaining a new motion, City Attorney Sullivan shared what she has been reviewing concerning the process for leasing a municipal property as it pertains to Statute 7-8-4201 along with the insurance requirements that go along with leasing a property. She recommended that the City of Colstrip be added to the insurance as an additionally named insured and a specific amount required for the minimum limit. Councilmember Koczur shared his concerns about making adjustments to the lease.

Councilmember Koczur moved to direct Attorney Sullivan to draft a resolution and a new lease to offer Montana Moose Espresso Shoppe with a one-year term of \$1,525/year, for the City of Colstrip to be added as additionally named insured and a minimum limit requirement of one million dollars. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. During the discussion, Councilmember Hanser shared her concerns about the term of the new lease as it will not start until the current lease ends April 21, 2025. She moved to amend the motion to a 6-month term of \$762.50, for the City of Colstrip to be added as additionally name insured with a minimum limit requirement of one million dollars. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion to amend the original motion. No discussion. No comments from the public received. Councilmember Dudley, Hanser & Rosander voted for the amendment, Councilmember Koczur voted against the amendment. Motion carried. City Council then voted on the main motion. Councilmember Dudley, Hanser & Rosander voted for, Councilmember Koczur voted against. Councilmember Koczur again shared his concerns about making adjustments to the lease. No comments from the public received. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Krista Hazel, Deputy City Clerk