

City Council Meeting  
March 28, 2023

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Mike Esser and Greg Koczur

Absent: Councilmembers Wayne Dudley and Rose Hanser

Also Present: Fire Chief Tony Reda, City 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 Esser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion. No discussion. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 3/14/23 Regular Meeting
- Claims #29241-29268 \$37,148.79
- Payroll Summary 3/17/23 \$76,276.85

**Department Reports:**

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

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Williams sent a letter to the Rosebud County Commissioners to clarify some points of concern raised at the last meeting with the commissioners regarding the Colstrip Cemetery. Copies of this letter were distributed to the City Council members.

A meeting regarding water was held today in preparation for the Colstrip power plant's quarterly Ash Remediation Meeting with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. An item on the agenda for the quarterly meeting is the water feasibility study for Colstrip.

Mayor Williams discussed some bills moving through the Montana Legislature that are not local government friendly.

The City of Colstrip will be hosting the Municipal Summit in July sponsored by the Montana League of Cities and Towns, MSU Local Government Center and Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority.

Engineering and bid preparation are progressing on the North End Water Loop project.

**Public Comment & Participation:**

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC), reported on House Bill 188 that provides Coal Board funding. Discussion continues with the architects on the Business Innovation Center (BIC). A work meeting needs to be scheduled between SEMDC and City Officials regarding the operation of the BIC once it is built. Jim presented a \$50,000 check to the City of Colstrip for water related infrastructure projects. This check is due to the Memorandum of Understanding between SEMDC and NextEra Energy.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer