

City Council Meeting May 26, 2026

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Wayne Dudley, Corrie Hadaller and Jack Rosander

Absent: Councilmember Zane Longacre

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Hadaller offered the invocation. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hadaller seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 5/12/26 Regular Meeting
- Claims #32774-32802 \$ 63,123.15
- Payroll Summary 5/08/26 \$119,768.63

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

The funeral service for Senator Ankney was held last Friday. The Colstrip Cemetery looked fantastic and we received several compliments.

Mayor Williams reported on his meeting with Matt Jones of BNSF. BNSF is going to donate \$2,000 towards the Kids Fishing Day during Colstrip Days and will also contribute \$5,000 towards our Veterans Park. Mayor Williams also suggested they contact SEMDC about partnership agreements.

The Economic Diversification Strategy update is underway with KLJ Engineering.

Union contract negotiations are ongoing. An issue came up with the pay matrix for the police department unit. We hope to bring the contracts to the next city council meeting for action.

The Montana Coal Board meeting is June 4th and the city has a grant request for the chlorine analyzers in the amount of \$100,000.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, reported construction is wrapping up on the Business Innovation Center. Grant deadlines are approaching so SEMDC staff is working on wrapping up those. A video team was here last week from the US Dept of Energy to film success stories for the Northern Plains Connector Line. US Dept of Energy is giving the state of Montana a grant to help fund the project. The third grant reimbursement from the EDA for the BIC was received. The fourth and final construction draw will be submitted to EDA this week. Jim anticipates SEMDC staff will be moving into the BIC in 7-10 days.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Prosecution Coverage on Conflict Cases between Rosebud County, the City of Colstrip and Hanna Schantz. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer