City Council Meeting
June 9, 2026

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

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/ Zoning/Code Enforcement Official Kami Egan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, 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 Longacre offered the invocation. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:
Councilmember Longacre moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Rosander asked about the towing fee claim from Childers. Police Chief Hert explained this was for a vehicle involved in a criminal investigation. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 5/26/26 Regular Meeting
- Claims #32803-32854 $330,045.78
- Payroll Summary 5/22/26 $126,103.51

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

Mayor's Communications:
The Coal Board Grant application was successful for the chlorine analyzers at the water treatment plant in the amount of $100,000. The City of Colstrip has received a total of over $5,000,000 in grants from the coal board.

Governor Gianforte will be in Colstrip next week at the Business Innovation Center.

Mayor Williams presented former Mayor and Councilmember Rose Hanser with a plaque to recognize and thank her for her years of service to the City of Colstrip.

Councilmember Rosander commented on the coffee kiosk and thanked Mayor Williams for keeping the City Council updated. The kiosk has not been removed and the lease has expired. Even though the kiosk is still on city property, no lease payment is being received. The city has been very patient and trying to help with it.

Public Comment & Participation: None.

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Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:
Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Special Event Permit requests for fireworks at 1542 Piedmont Drive and 528 Poplar Drive from June 25-28, 2026.
Councilmember Longacre seconded the motion.
Discussion: Councilmember Hadaller noted the same person submitted both of these requests for two different properties. Councilmember Dudley questioned the time limit fireworks are allowed. 11:00 pm is the latest fireworks are allowed.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the purchase of a Pavilion Building for the Colstrip Cemetery in the amount of $68,593.15 as requested by the Colstrip Cemetery Board.
Councilmember Hadaller seconded the motion.
Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked about the costs for construction, cement pad, site prep and electricity. No quotes or bids have been received yet from contractors to construct the structure or pour the cement pad. Cemetery Board member Joan Hantz explained the contractors cannot submit a bid until engineered drawings are obtained from the building manufacturer. The building manufacturer quoted $28,000 to construct the structure. The cemetery board hopes to utilize local contractors. No electricity is planned at this time.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Montana Federation of Public Employees Colstrip Police Unit.
Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Montana Federation of Public Employees Colstrip City Employees Unit.
Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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