

City Council Meeting January 23, 2024

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

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Planning/Building/Zoning Official Kami Egan, City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, Public Works Director Pat Zent, Fire Chief Tony Reda and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. Discussion: None. No comments from the public received. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 1/9/24 Regular Meeting
- Claims #30188-30217 \$66,991.25
- Payroll Summary 1/5/24 \$127,313.95

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams provided City Council members with information regarding the Local Government Review laws and process in the state of Montana. Per state law, the question of whether to conduct this study must be put on the ballot this year for city residents to vote on.

Mayor Williams shared information regarding a Fundamentals of Local Government Course available to elected officials through MSU's Local Government Center.

Defensive Driving training will be held this Thursday for city employees. Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority will conduct the training.

The results of the PASER Study were received today from KLJ Engineering.

Public Comment & Participation: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-02 authorizing the donation of a 2016 Dodge RAM vehicle to the Rosebud County Search and Rescue. Councilmember Koczur seconded the motion.

Discussion: City Council members expressed their desire that the vehicle be kept in Colstrip.

Public Comment: Todd Olmstead addressed the City Council regarding the organization and the need for the vehicle. He expressed his appreciation for the donation of the vehicle. He assured the City Council that the vehicle would be parked/stored in Colstrip when not actively in use.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Hanser moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01, prohibiting marijuana businesses within city limits based on the results of the 11/7/23 ballot question.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Hanser noted this ordinance is based on the majority of voters in Colstrip not wanting to have this type of business in town.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer