

City Council Meeting
September 12, 2023

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

Absent: Councilmember Rose Hanser

Also Present: City Attorney Michelle Sullivan, Fire Chief Tony Reda, 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 Dudley moved 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 8/22/23 Regular Meeting
- Claims #29752-29814 \$153,290.45
- Payroll Summary 9/1/23 \$ 98,023.37

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams will be attending the Montana Coal Board quarterly meeting in Billings this week. The City of Colstrip has two grant applications for the board's consideration. The City of Colstrip has received over \$5 million in grants from the Coal Board over the years.

KLJ Engineering is reviewing the raw water transportation formula and rate increase. This year's increase was 21%.

The Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference is next month in Helena. Mayor Williams encouraged the council members to register and attend if they are able to.

Cleanup of nuisance properties in town continues.

The Deer Management Plan meeting was well attended last week. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has authorized 150 antlerless permits as part of the management plan.

Mayor Williams would like to have a special meeting prior to the regular meeting on September 26 to continue the discussion on the city's animal control regulations and his recommendation to

reinstate the Animal Control Officer position. Mayor Williams distributed information he has gathered.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm for Solid Waste Collection Assessments. No comments were received either orally or in writing. Mayor Williams closed the hearing at 7:16 pm.

Public Comment & Participation:

Joe Buckalew, 1009 Olive Drive, has been dealing with nuisance dogs across the street from his residence for several years and is getting tired of it. He stated he has been calling the police department but is just getting a recording.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-14, approving the special assessments for solid waste collection services for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer