

City Council Meeting
February 10, 2026

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

Absent: Councilmember Wayne Dudley

Also Present: Fire Chief Tony Reda, Police Chief Cory Hert, 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 Rosander offered the invocation. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of 1/27/26 Regular Meeting
- Claims #32442-32498 \$328,530.69
- Payroll Summary 1/30/26 \$107,306.47

Department Reports:

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

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Williams has proclaimed February 9th as Montana Mining Day.

The Cemetery Board will be meeting on February 18, 2026 to receive a check from the Colstrip Impact Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.

Mayor Williams will be participating in a meeting with the Montana League of Cities and Towns this Thursday regarding House Bill 368.

Mayor Williams shared a letter he sent to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad regarding their Utility Permit fee and the time it took to receive the permit.

The city has received a request to donate one of our used police vehicles to the Rosebud Search and Rescue.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, will be conducting a community input survey. SEMDC staff is planning on moving into the Business Innovation Center the end of February.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Longacre moved to approve Change Order No. 4 with TW Ridley for the Business Innovation Center Contract in the amount of \$55,962.19.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Jim Atchison explained the change order is for two commercial hoods and related requirements in the kitchen. With this change order and the previous three change orders bring the total contract amount to \$3,437,548.24. However, this is below the budgeted amount and the EDA will be paying 80% of the cost.

Councilmember Longacre amended his motion to add "contingent upon EDA approval".

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion to amend. Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Council Discussion: None

Motion as amended carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams distributed the recommendation for pavement improvements this year in the amount of \$3,993,761. This project is for road resurfacing and water line replacements on Chisholm and Primrose streets; structural mill/overlays on Vista Drive, Laramie Circle and Sweetgrass Drive; Phase I & II non-structural overlays as defined in the pavement management plan; and Vista Drive Drainage Improvements. Due to the cost, the city may want to consider breaking these improvements into two phases. This will be on the next City Council agenda for consideration and action.

City Council went into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:44 pm. City Council returned at 8:13 pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer