

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 6, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman and Austin. Council members Koski and Nistler attended via phone. Council members Ozark and Carr were absent. DPW Skubinna and Chief Weber were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Grant Writer Byers, and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for January 6, 2025 in the amount of \$244,422.37, the Valley Court claims in the amount of \$1,829.94 and the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Skubinna stated the draft of the SWIF plan was sent to the Corps last week.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for water or cemetery. Interviews will be set up next week for the open Deputy Clerk position for the personnel committee. City Grant Writer Byers mentioned she will be working on 2 trail grants for Sullivan Park over the next couple of weeks. They are both through Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and both worth \$100,000.00 each. There was also discussion on the city being part of Montana Main Street. Council member Koski stated that the city is part of Montana Main Street and she has applied for an \$80,000.00 for additional wayfinding signage. Chief Weber stated that Grant Writer Ryan applied for additional VOCA money through the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$250,000.00. An ordinance committee meeting will be set following the next council meeting to discuss the nuisance and marijuana ordinances.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said the police department will be going through the hiring process later this month or early next.

Council member Austin reported on a fire that happened on 3rd Avenue North the other day.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she will be in town on Thursday and will meet with the departments and she will also be meeting with Council member Koski on a TBID issue.

City Clerk Amundson said she has been working on W2's and 1099's and they will be mailed out tomorrow.

There was no Mayor's report.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor