



**VISION STATEMENT:**

"The Magic City: A diverse, welcoming community where people prosper and..."

**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Tidswell

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I  
Councilmember Ed Gulick, Ward I  
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II  
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III  
Councilmember Danny Choriki, Ward III  
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV  
Councilmember Pam Purinton, Ward IV  
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V  
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V  
Mayor William Cole

Absent/

Excused: Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk  
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director  
Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator  
Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager  
Rich St. John, Police Chief

**MINUTES:**

- September 25, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- October 9, 2023 - Pending

**COURTESIES: NONE**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Week - October 23-29, 2023

**COUNCIL REPORTS: NONE**

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI**

- No Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, due to a bye week.
- Councilmember Owen forwarded a revised proposed initiative for your review at 4:15. A copy of it was placed on Council's desks and one copy was included in the ex-partie communications notebook. No other ex-partie communications were received after 3 PM concerning items on the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: 1 and 4 ONLY.**

**Speaker sign-in required.** (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium. Comments on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.)

**1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations: 1D**

**A. Bid Awards: None**

**B. Purchase 3 - 2024 Broombear sweepers from Joe Johnson Equipment.**

**APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**C. Purchase 2024 Fire Pumper AS899 from Hughes Fire Equipment. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**D. Memorandum of Understanding with Billings Tourism Business Improvement District. APPROVED 7-3, OWEN, TIDSWELL, PURINTON, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**E. 2023 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Domestic Violence Grant Award. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**F. State Highway Traffic Safety Billings Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) overtime grant for the Police Department. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**G. 2023 Federal Homeland Security Grant for Police Department to purchase Night Vision Systems. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**H. 2023 Federal Homeland Security Grant for the Police Department's Bomb Squad. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**I. Montana Department of Agriculture Grant to the Parks and Recreation Department for the European Buckthorn removal program. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**J. Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from Yellow Ball Roofing and Solar for a complete solar generating system to Songbird Community Garden. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**K. Resolution 23-11171 defining the policy for Special Improvement Districts (SID's). APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**L. Second/Final Reading Ordinance 23-5860 amending Billings, Montana City Code (BMCC), Article 22-407, Encroachment Permit Required. APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**M. Second/Final Reading Ordinance 23-5861 expanding Ward I (Annexation 23-08). APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**N. Bills for the Weeks of:**

1. September 18, 2023 APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED
2. September 25, 2023 APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1037:** for a parcel generally located at 3146 Monad Road. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. **APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1038:** for a parcel generally located northwest of the intersection of Avenues D and E in Zimmerman Home Place Subdivision. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. **APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S Annual Performance Evaluation and APPROVAL of Employment Contract. 3% SALARY INCREASE APPROVED 8-2, PURINTON AND OWEN OPPOSED, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required.**

*(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

**COUNCIL INITIATIVES:**

Owen - Recommendation on establishing a Family Violence Investigations Unit in the Billings Police Department. **APPROVED 10-0, NEESE ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**ADJOURN: 7:25 P.M.**