



**VISION STATEMENT:**  
"The Magic City: A diverse,  
welcoming community  
where people prosper and  
business succeeds."

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**JANUARY 8, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Cole

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I (Via Zoom)  
Councilmember Ed Gulick, Ward I  
Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II  
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II  
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III  
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III  
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV  
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV  
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V  
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V  
Mayor William Cole

Absent/  
Excused:

**Staff**

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Toni Keehner, Deputy City Clerk  
Debi Meling, Public Works Director  
Brandon Schmidt, Parks and Cemetery Supervisor  
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director  
Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator

**MINUTES:**

- December 11, 2023 **APPROVED 11-0**
- December 18, 2023 **APPROVED 11-0**

**COURTESIES:**

- National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

## PROCLAMATIONS:

- January - Human Trafficking Prevention Month

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

### ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1 and 5 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, 1F, 1J1, 1J2 and 1J3
  - A. **Bid Awards:**
    1. **W.O. 23-46: Compost Facility Waterline.** (Opened 12/5/23) Recommend Hample Excavation. **APPROVED 11-0**
    2. **W.O. 24-03: Contract 2 City Chip/Scrub Seal.** (Opened 11/21/23) Recommend rejecting all bids. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - B. **Purchase** of Water Reclamation Facility Disinfection System replacement parts; Trojan Technologies. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - C. **2024 City-County Special Investigations Unit Agreement** with Yellowstone County.
  - D. **Contract** with Dick Anderson Construction, Inc. for W.O. 19-42: West End Water Treatment Plant Project. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - E. **Donations** to Billings Public Library from Billings Library Foundation and American Indian Library Association. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - F. **Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Recreational Trails and Trail Stewardship Grant Applications** for Rose Park Trail, Phase II and Stagecoach Trail. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - G. **Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Application.** **APPROVED 11-0**
  - H. **Utility Easement** with NorthWestern Energy for Mountview Cemetery. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - I. ~~**Easement Releases** for vacated portions of North 28th Street and Normal Subdivision, Block 4 Alley.~~ **REMOVAL FROM AGENDA, APPROVED 11-0**
  - J. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
    1. November 27, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
    2. December 4, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
    3. December 11, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**

## REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE** amending Billings, Montana City Code, Article 8-300, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, and repealing Ordinance 03-5240, as recommended by staff. **APPROVED 11-0**
3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1040:** located at 1404 and 1406 Avenue B. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 criteria. **\*Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL REVIEW 998:** a special review to allow parking lot spaces on the south and east sides of the property at 1406 Avenue B. Zoning Commission recommends conditional approval and adoption of the findings of the 9 review criteria. **\*Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
5. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.** Staff recommends Council nominate and elect a Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore. **NOMINATION OF COUNCILMEMBER SHAW APPROVED 7-4, COUNCILMEMBERS NEESE, OWEN, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL OPPOSED**

**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:

There were no Council initiatives.

**ADJOURN:** 7:22 P.M.