

**Troy City Council Meeting
Public Meeting
Proposed Green Belt Path
February 27, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Attending – Mayor James Hammons, Council: Laura Schrader, Larry Coryell, Don Banning, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson. Larry Baker-excused absence.

GUESTS: Jeff Bonifas, Katie Randall, Mitch Walters, Billie Foster, and Jayne Brown.

Mayor James Hammons called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED GREENBELT PATH

Mayor Hammons explained that the Public Meeting is for a CTEP grant to help put in a Greenbelt Path from the Museum. The money is through Lincoln County and if you don't use this money within a certain time you would lose it and it would go towards someone else's project. Hammons had met with County Commissioner John Konzen and both had decided to use the money for Bike/Walking path from the Museum down St. Regis Haul Road down Yaak Avenue to the Third Street Crossing, down Mill Road to Roosevelt Park. One of the reasons we are going to put this in is to get a safe crossing across the railroad tracks. We are proposing a fence to go down the railroad tracks so that the pedestrians are required to cross at the Third Street Crossing safely. The Third Street Crossing will still be controlled with the railroad crossing arms. Billie Foster asked if this path would connect to the path in the Folf Course area. Hammons said no, that it would just start at the Museum parking lot. Jayne Brown asked what CTEP stands for. Hammons explained it is Community Transportation Enhancement Program; it is funded by the Department of Transportation through the State of Montana. Brown asked why the money can't be used for the streets. Hammons explained it can't be used for that it is specifically used for enhancement programs.

Councilman Don Banning asked if Hammons had spoke to the Railroad on the fence around the animal control area, this area is used quite a bit by the Railroad. Hammons explained that he had spoken to them last summer with their safety officer. The plan is to move the green boxes over where the roundhouse used to be and totally eliminate the Animal Control Building from the area and move it to the back of the City Shop with animal control going back to housing the animals for three days and after the three days they would be transported to the Lincoln County Animal Control in Libby.

Hammons informed everyone that the City had received a letter from the County committing \$200,000 to the project. The total cost of the project is going to be \$189,000. We will be receiving a lot of in-kind service from the county and the city to help bring the cost of the project down. We had also spoke about doing Third Street but there is not enough money in the CTEP funding to do this. An appropriation through Congressman Denny Rehbergs office in the amount of \$259,000 has just been submitted today for help with the streets, storm drains and sidewalks on Third Street to help with safety issues and urban renewal. This appropriation is not part of this public meeting.

The project would start in 2009.

Public Meeting was closed and the regular council meeting was opened.

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer