

**Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
April 2, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm. Attending – Mayor James Hammons, Council: Laura Schrader, Larry Coryell, Don Banning, Larry Baker and City Clerk Sandra Johnson

GUESTS: Greg Larson

PARK COMMITTEE: Laura Schrader- Laura Schrader and Clint Taylor are still on the committee but Hammons expressed the need for interested community members also. He asked the council if they knew of any. Schrader said she knew of a few people that may be interested. Hammons asked for a list of names and he would let the active committee decided who will be joining them. Schrader expressed the importance of getting this done soon. When would the first meeting be after the new committee members join? Hammons stated that it depended how long it took to gather the list of names. Schrader said she would have names by the next council meeting on the 16th of April. Discussion followed regarding the number of committee members needed.

BUDGET ITEM FOR FY 08/09: Increase Mileage Rate- Hammons compared the State rate of .505 per mile to the City's .36 per mile. He stated that we have never been the same as the State for mileage, and doesn't anticipate the same, however, we need to make some kind of compensation for the rising cost of fuel. Hammons asked the council to be thinking of this as we go into our 08/09 budget.

MEDA (Montana Economic Development Association): Greg Larson- Montana Resource Team would come in to talk to people and assess the needs and challenges to plan for the future. The team would give a report and advice on the weaknesses and strong points. The public would be invited. The team usually spends two days. May 28 and 29, 2008 would be a potential dates for them to arrive. The Group would consist of four or five members who would come back in three months to present their findings. Larson said he would find out if their food is provided by the host city. Tracy McIntyre may be involved. Three of the four City Council members were for the idea but no motion made. Don Banning mentioned that TACA has funds to help out and he will talk to the firemen and school.

BOY SCOUT HUT: The boy scouts will no longer be using the hut to meet. Hammons talked to Cam Foote and they have found another place. This is a 50x50 lot with a small building that was a pump house at one time, and was thought to have an underground storage tank. Hammons asked the council what they want done with the building. It was Council's decision to address the building first and then the land.

WELL HEAD PROTECTION PLAN ORDINANCE: The primary protection area is within the City limits of Troy. Discussion on what it does, the effects, and what we can do. Council was asked to review and bring back any changes they thought may be needed to include. Fennessy will review, and let the council know his findings.

GROWTH POLICY: The council has given a copy of the growth policy. Review it and get it back with your suggestions. Having a Growth Policy is a state mandate. It is a policy document not a regulatory document. Greg Larson stated that it is a comprehensive plan; he is doing the Libby growth policy, and Troy's seemed to fit with what it should include more than some others he had seen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: A letter has been sent to Kootenai Pets for Life advising that the building will no longer be available when work starts on the path. The green boxes will be moved and the building is to be vacated. Any animals picked up will be boarded at another building by the city shop. They will be there three days, and if they are unclaimed, they will be sent to Lincoln

County Animal Control. Logging on the land behind the high school is being done by Rick Stapley. Council expressed concern for the city's ROW.

Discussion concerning Yaak Valley Resource regarding a letter to stop an appeal. A letter will be sent.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer