

**Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
May 12, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Attending – Mayor James Hammons, Council: Laura Schrader, Larry Coryell, Don Banning, Larry Baker and Deputy City Clerk Tracy Rebo

GUESTS: Mike Giesey – CARD clinic, and Cecil McDougall

CAG-CARD PRESENTATION:

Mike Giesey is president of the Board of Directors for the **C**enter for **A**sbestos **R**elated **D**isease clinic. CARD is a Non-profit organization that started in 2003. Screening in 2000 and 2001 showed 18% of those tested had lung abnormalities. CARD now has 11 volunteers throughout the community and a 13 person staff including 3 doctors. The board is made up of community members. Funding for the organization includes Insurance, medical plans from Grace, and the Libby Asbestos Plan that covers what Grace doesn't. The organization's focus is on healthcare. They will be gathering information through an outreach presentation, newsletters, and screening more area residents for asbestos and respiratory ailments. They received a \$25,000 grant from Libby in 2003 for research. Giesey assured that the research is coming along and the CARD clinic wants to be the main advisory group to determine what the best solution is. Much of the data is at the clinic. Giesey said they have learned a lot about the disease. The disease is different with each person. There is a very high rate of mesothelioma. The bottom line is to raise awareness, to get research done, and to find out why everyone responds differently. There are five to seven homes scheduled for cleanup in Troy. There are 2301 people being monitored and treated. The CARD clinic gets between 10 and 15 new patients each month. Residents within 20 miles of the mine can get screened free each year. Don Banning asked what the symptoms are. Giesey replied; mostly chest pain with patients going to the emergency room thinking they are having a heart attack.

Community Awareness Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Ponderosa Room at Libby City Hall. CAG is looking for Troy representation from the City Council. They are hoping to get a public health emergency declared in order to receive emergency funds for help in healing people. Coryell asked if the forest service has had any of their tree paper wrappers screened. Giesey replied that nothing has been done yet.

CECIL MCDUGALL- Mobilehome Park Subdivision: McDougall has concerns regarding the letter the City wrote advising the conditions to be met. He asked why he needed a paved road. Hammons replied that some of the things in the letter were required by the County; and that he would need to talk to the County subdivision committee and find out what he really needs to do. He cannot pave the roads because he doesn't have the funds. Banning expressed his feeling that he is comfortable with no paved roads. Hammons suggested that McDougall go back to the county for clarification on the regulations. He also explained that it says he only needs to pave the 24' access to the highway, not the entire park. Schrader and Baker also agreed that the letter states he only needs to pave the entrance. The letter from the fire department stated that there was no hydrant in the park. McDougall showed the letter from the fire department and it states they would prefer a hydrant be installed on his property, not that it is required. McDougall said he also received another letter from the DEQ with more requirements, the EPA has given him more to comply with. McDougall said he wants compensated, and then de-annexed from the city if the city doesn't want the park within its limits. McDougall wants clarification of the letter from the city.

SNOWMOBILE POLICY/ ORDINANCE: Hammons would like to have it on a temporary basis. Schrader agreed and would like it for two years. Hammons will have the policy together for the next meeting for a vote.

GROWTH POLICY: Hammons advised council that the new growth policy will first need to be adopted then it will require two public meetings. A question came up about setbacks for

properties. The Cooper fence had to be given a variance because it was on the city right-of-way. Since this was to the owner and does not transfer to a new owner, if it sells, the new owner needs to request a variance. Hammons told council that he would like to have all final changes put in the current policy. Banning would like to have regulations regarding the forklifts driving around town.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Banning- Water samples sent by a homeowner on 4 th Street came back with negative test results. Banning added that there is 18” of brass from the sink to the wall. It is difficult to get good samples in uncontrolled conditions at private residences. It has to be re-tested. Schrader asked about other services in the same area. Banning answered that the last resident on the line doesn't have any problems. A nearby neighbor received a letter stating not to drink the water. Rumors are beginning to spread on unfound facts. It is likely that it is the resident's pipes. Banning went on to say the Public Works department did a great job on the new line. Banning talked to Konzen regarding the wildlife museum. There haven't been any decisions made yet. **Baker** – asked council's opinion on a mobile home variance for the lot at which a mobile home had burned. Due to the size of the lot, a mobilehome able to meet the requirements of the City's ordinance wouldn't fit. Hammons stated that in his opinion the ordinance is set. Coryell proposed that she bring paperwork to present to the council at a meeting. Schrader's feelings are that a variance would defeat the purpose of an ordinance and the ordinance is already set.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, Deputy City Clerk