

**Troy City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
July 16, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Present: - Mayor Jim Hammons, Council –Laura Schrader, Larry Baker, Don Banning, and Larry Coryell, City attorney Mark Fennessy, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

GUESTS: John Clogston, Dennis Dupuis, John Konzen, Mike Fraser, Jean Meyer, Billie Foster, Jayne Brown, Roberta Griner, Brenda Goe, and Maggie Anderson

Mayor Jim Hammons lead the pledge of allegiance.

UNDERAGE ALCOHOL ABUSE - MONTANA COMMUNITY CHANGE PROJECT-

Maggie Anderson: presented statistics relating to Montana’s youth drinking and the community changes needed. Anderson continued with statistics: Montana is number one in the State for teenage drinking. Lincoln County is number five in the state for binge drinking. Lincoln County also ranks number one for alcohol related vehicle crashes. 40% of 8th grade through 12th grade students ride with those that are under the influence of alcohol. Two things contribute to these high statistics. One is the social availability. Many things contribute to this, such as; social availability, retail availability and criminal justice. Underage drinkers have been served in 3 of the 4 establishments in Troy. Most cases are pled down and this sends to the community a false statement that we really don’t think this is a big problem. She used examples such as the July 4th celebration’s beer garden that wasn’t restricted to those under the age 18 this year. She also expressed an interest in helping with the event for next year. Anderson continued with more statistics and the planned strategy to combat the problem. Don Banning was appalled by some articles referring to the July 4th celebration, but felt the police department did well. He stated, “it was a good celebration, but there is always room for improvement,” and added that perhaps new policies need to be enforced. Anderson continued with the proposed planned strategy including taking drivers licenses for MIP’s and DUI’s. Mayor Hammons stated that this is a good program, and the City will help as much as we can.

ESPRESSO BUSINESS - Brenda Goe: She requested information on licenses and codes needed to open a 12x24’ drive-thru coffee hut. It would be a drive-thru only; nobody would be allowed inside the unit other than the owner and an employee. Banning thinks it’s a good idea. Hammons advised Goe to talk with building inspector, Ron Higgins regarding codes. Mark Fennessy also advised that the State has information on state regulations for food, and what is needed to setup a business.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE- Swank Enterprises: Swank Enterprises is an established business located in Valier Montana and was awarded the bid for the School District’s Community Center. **Motion** to approve Business License made by Laura Schrader and seconded by Larry Baker. **Motion Carried.** Coryell – Yes, Banning – Yes.

WATER PROJECT PHASE II – TD & H invoice no. 21655 in the amount of \$6,000.00: Coryell questioned the purpose of the invoice. It is for the water grant applications. Baker asked if the contractor is finishing the punchlist for Phase I of the water project. They are supposed to be in town soon to get it done. Coryell asked if the software for the handheld is in use yet, and no, it is on order. Coryell feels the cost

should be TD & H's responsibility. City Attorney Mark Fennessy said that the City had done the research for the meter reading. The company that gave us the wrong information may be billed. Fennessy feels the problem is with the developer that sold the program. It would cost the City more money to go after the out of state company than to pay the cost. Coryell feels we should wait to pay this invoice to see if we receive the grant funds. He was advised that the contract will not allow us to wait that long. Hammons called for a motion to approve the invoice. Laura Schrader made the motion to approve invoice no. 21655 in the amount of \$6,000. Larry Baker seconded the **motion**. Coryell – No, Banning – No. Hammons tabled for more information. **Motion not passed.**

SEWER PROJECT – TD & H invoice no. 21767: Motion to approve TD & H invoice no. 21767 for the amount of \$13,457.93 was made by Larry Coryell and the second by Don Banning. **Motion Carried.** Schrader – Yes, Baker - Yes

SCHOOL TRANSFER PROPERTY / AMENDED PLAT – Preliminary Approval: Fennessy asked if the plot had easements on it. Yes, and it was reviewed. A **Motion** was made by Laura Schrader for the preliminary approval of the amended plot for the school district property transfer. Larry Baker seconded the motion. Banning – Yes, Coryell – No. **Motion Carried**

MINUTES OF McDOUGALL SUBDIVISION HEARING April 16, 2008, and MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting of June 18, 2008: Laura Schrader made a **motion** to approve both the minutes of the McDougall Subdivision Hearing on April 16^h, 2008 and the regular council meeting of June 18, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Coryell. **Motion Carried.**

CLAIMS: a **motion** to approve the claims in the amount of \$94,306.76 was made by Laura Schrader and seconded by Larry Baker. **Motion Carried.**

LARRY CORYELL – Stop sign at Kootenai and First Street: Coryell brought to the attention of the council the traffic situation near the post office. The house at the corner of First and Kootenai always has several vehicles and a fence that obstructs the view. Many people have had problems with vehicles not slowing down. He suggested a stop sign be put up. Mark Fennessy will follow up with an Ordinance to add the sign at the next meeting.

MIKE FRASER: - New Business: Fraser and gave a short description of his new consulting business. He has 35 years of experience. Hammons stated that he had asked Fraser to come in because the City could use his services for questions that we have, and to review concerns on projects. Fraser would be Interested in going forward on new projects, and working with the City of Troy again.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Boy Scout Hut has more items moved in. Contact Cam Foote about it. Konzen - regarding the floodplain back behind the caboose where the proposed wildlife museum will be situated. This area should not have as many problems with permitting and engineering. Coryell asked questions regarding a City/County agreement or inter-local agreement. Ron Downey is the County contact for the proposed CTEP walking path project that would connect to the walking path at the park. If we don't get this done right away, the money will go elsewhere. We have not

heard from BNSF about using their ROW. We need to find out what BNSF wants to do before we begin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by, second by. **Motion Carried.**

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer