

Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
August 18, 2008

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

GUESTS: Clint Taylor-Power and Light

BUDGET: Adjustment to the Police Department -

SCHOOL BUILDING PERMIT: After discussion regarding the large price of the permit to the School, Laura Schrader stated that she is not sure that giving a reduction for the cost of the permit is the thing to do. Coryell agreed, adding; it is the cost of doing business Larry Baker agreed. Don Banning stated concerns about the cost of the building permit percentage that we pay. Discussion on restructuring the fee percentage at a later date. Coryell asked about the building permit fee reports. We have a report that lists name, address, what is to be built, the cost and the fee to be charged

POWER RATE INCREASE: Clint Taylor, Power Manager - Taylor advised Council of the need for a five percent power rate increase: With the suggested increase, commercial rate would go from .0373 to .0392, demand from \$4.39 to \$4.61, residential-.05019 to .05269 for an increase in revenue of \$45,000. Taylor stated concerns about the rate increase anticipated in 2011. The preliminary numbers from Bonneville Power Administration say that our rates to them will go up an additional \$126,000 in 2011. That is a 32% increase. He stated that he doesn't want to shock the users with a large increase all at once. Taylor advised that power is in tiers depending on usage and we may have to go out to buy additional power. Schrader would like to see base rate at ten dollars. We have almost 1000 customers. Discussion on why we would raise the KWH and not the basic rate continued. Taylor stated that the big users end up paying less by raising the base rate instead of a percentage rate. Commercial users pay less per kwh but get charged a "demand" in addition. We do have a few single phase demand meters. Troy Medical Arts Building is a good example. Larry Coryell requested BPA preliminary information to forward on to Senator Baucus. It is about a 30 page document. Taylor advised council that he will research other electric utility companies to find out their rates. In 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007, the transmission fees went up, with most of the increases being absorbed by the power department. Discussion followed.

SHOP RATE INCREASE: Clint Taylor – Taylor brought to the attention of the Council that a previous resolution giving the power company authority to raise shop rates without further resolutions. This rate would follow in line what is being charged to Northern Lights. The electrical increase for disconnects and reconnects will go from \$32 to \$38. Pole rates increased also.

CITY MILEAGE RATE: Rates are now \$0.36 per mile. Council suggests an increase in the mileage rate to \$0.45. Current federal rate is \$0.585.

BOILER MAINTENANCE: Schrader stated that we do not need a full time person to address this. The question arose, who does the school's boiler. Follow up to see how they do it. The maintenance person has to be certified. Laura Schrader will talk with fire chief Larry Chapel on this.

PARK FEES AND PERMITS/events coordinator: Clint Taylor -- Park fees and permits were discussed by Taylor. He advised he had added a user liability for damages and a charge for special requests that requires manpower or equipment that will billed at the shop rate. Taylor gave an example of a special request, i.e., moving the bleachers can take a half day or more each time they are moved. Schrader pointed out that the park has rules, but no ordinances that can be enforced. There needs to be a user agreement. There are probably liability issues without one. More information will be gathered and presented at a future work meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Laura Schrader, Council President

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer