

Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
November 10, 2008

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

GUESTS: Gary L Rose

SCOUT HUT PROPERTY: Gary Rose –The scout hut is located at Third and Riverside and borders both sides of his property. He expressed disappointment in the way the boy scout leaders have not taken care of the grounds and building in the past. He would like to know if the property is up for purchase. If he was to purchase the property, the building would be restored inside and out with a new roof and windows. It would be a great historic showroom and would attract tourists. Rose continued to express concerns of the property use in the future. Laura Schrader explained to him that the city cannot sell the property without putting it out for bid. Don Banning asked if the city needed to take the highest bid. The city cannot take just any bid but there are circumstances that would enable the city to consider a lower bid. Schrader will talk with the attorney and get back to him. Regardless, a comparable market analysis will need to be done. Don Banning will follow up with a realtor.

SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE: It is Mayor Hammons feeling that this should be a temporary ordinance to see how it goes. Schrader stated she is in favor of the route. Hammons asked the council to review it and write down anything they would like to discuss for change or addition. Banning stated his concerns about crossing the railroad to get to the Kootenai Bridge. Schrader mentioned that they have to obey traffic laws. Coryell wanted the wording changed from “designated roads” to “designated snow covered roads”. Hammons asked if anyone has heard if the County will let them run on their roads. Schrader would like to see the times changed to 7:00am to 7:00pm. Discussion followed.

R-PARK: Policies, regulations, and ordinances: We are at the point that decisions have to be made. Hammons would like Council to take it home for review. Coryell would like a fee for the boat ramp. Personal use fees should be minimal but outfitters should be charged a yearly fee. Coryell recommended \$2.00 per launch or \$25.00 per year. Don Banning had questions about the soccer field usage. If it is school affiliated, they pay a one time yearly fee. Discussion Followed. Discussion on rules and regulations for the fishing pond followed. Coryell brought up that he thought the city had to go through a subdivision hearing if we are going to charge for camping areas. Schrader asked who is going to collect the fees. It was suggested that a drop box or the park host collect the ramp fees and the person who is responsible for the event can collect for the people attending. Coryell feels we need to have a special events coordinator. Mitch Walters has volunteered. Schrader suggested waiting to see how much work it is going to generate as we may be able to make it a paid position. The ordinance needs to be in place by March of next year.

CITY HALL: Sidewalks, front entrance, building, electrical – Hammons would like to see things cleaned up around the building. Don Banning stated that he has been talking with Dave Norman about the sidewalk heaves and trees that caused it. There are some things that cannot be done until spring. The council consensus was yes for putting in for the Arbor Day grant this year.

SEWER FEES: Auditors have told the city that the reserves have to be brought up. To do this, and keep abreast of increased costs for lab tests, and just general costs of doing business there needs to be additional money that can be used. Right now the fees are not enough to keep up. It was asked if there has ever been an increase in the rates. No, rates have remained the same since 1996. Schrader asked how much we would need monthly to operate and what would we need to build the reserve. At least \$2,600 per month. To meet this amount would mean at least an increase of \$5.00 per month. This amount would help, but would not increase the reserve to the amount necessary to meet the obligations of the sewer bond reserves. Council's consensus is to contact Baucus' office to see if Troy qualifies for any appropriations that could help. Hammons will follow up on this, and other avenue that might be open to the city.

WATER TAP FEES: The water tap fee is \$190.00. It doesn't even cover cost of the water meters that have to be put in that start at \$2300 and go up from there. Schrader stated that no line should be tapped for less than \$500 plus costs. Discussion followed. Don Banning will follow up with Dave Norman for an itemized list of costs for these services.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Banning asked what the committee would be doing. Hammons told him this is a review committee. Banning had given his acceptance and Larry Coryell said he would be on it. Schrader stated that she couldn't. Hammons said it's not used very often, but it's good to have in place.

SNOW REMOVAL: Don Banning suggested contacting the County and the State to advise them that it is not the City's responsibility to maintain and remove snow from the Callahan Creek Bridge. Hammons agreed and continued that he would write Lynch a letter.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm

Jim Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk