

Troy City Council  
**Work Meeting**  
Council Chambers  
December 15, 2008

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

**GUESTS:** Mitch Walters- Chief of Police, Dan Lozar – TD&H, Ian Bailey – TD&H, and Gary Rose.

**TD & H: Water Tank –** Lozar: There has been a problem with the new tank filling to capacity. The tank controls are supposed to integrate the old tank and the new tank. When one tank is full, the pump shuts off. This doesn't let the other tank fill completely. The solution would be to find another water source that fills the second tank directly, put in a new controls, or add an altitude value that pushes water into the second tank allowing the second tank to fill. Water pressure would remain relatively the same. Costs for this would be about \$75,000. This would be a temporary fix, leaving the east line on and crews would probably have to hook up some new services. The rest would defiantly need to be hooked up. Hammons expressed concerns regarding water pressure. TD & H assured water pressure would remain relatively the same. Pressure in the system is governed by the height of the tanks. The pump would have enough pressure for flow. Discussion followed. Initially that is why we wanted a well on that side of town. We couldn't get the well to supply enough gallons per minute. No other water source could be found that could supply the gpm needed. Laura Schrader asked if we did put the money into both wells, would this make a difference and be less expensive. Not necessarily as this would be a grant. Phase II addressed hydraulic problems on that side town.

TD & H put in for a \$500,000 grant with no match from the City. This would be a permanent fix, and would change out the present pipe and install one that is larger. Other items would also be changed or replaced. It is better for the system in the long term. Engineering didn't realize the problem with friction loss and didn't remodel the entire system. Initially there was to be a well on that side of town. TD & H can look at that well again and we'll check with DEQ, but we still need to look at all options. The Kidder well site may be another option. Lozar expressed concerns with DEQ compliance.

Leaking mains are also addressed in Phase II. Discussion regarding Phase II followed. TD & H put us on a spreadsheet list for \$500,000 and \$75,000 for the stimulus package. Does TD & H need formal authorization to do this? TD & H will continue to follow up on this under our old contract. CDBG's water grant scoring showed that Troy's LMI (Low to Moderate Income) combined water/sewer target rate is highest on list used for scoring, but we did not score that well overall. Hammons expressed disappointment with their decision. They said our application wasn't high enough to beat out the competition, and we didn't score high enough with any of the agencies. Part of this was that more input was needed for the engineering. Troy was granted a WRDA grant and STAGG grant, but can't move forward because we were not approved for any of the other grants and they are part of the total package. Ian Bailey with TD & H stated he is pretty sure they will let us use the WRDA funds without supplementing a grant project.

**SCOUT HUT PROPERTY: Gary Rose-** He had made an initial offer to the City to purchase the scout hut property for \$1500. He has stated that he would be fixing up the building and would be using it in his business. Was comparable property checked out to compare to the scout hut property? Jim Hammons advised he talked to realtors and the \$1,500 seems to in line. Laura Schrader stated that \$1,500 seems a little low. She suggested \$3,000. Gary Rose offered \$2,000. Council will hear this proposal at the next council meeting and make a decision at that time.

**SHAUNA SLAVEN: Riverside and 4th Street** – A request was received by Slaven to put up a speed limit sign at that corner because there are some vehicles that go too fast. Schrader made note that this is over the speed limit sign not a stop sign. Schrader stated that it is hard to believe that traffic can be going that fast after turning the corner and suggested that the Police Department investigate. Mitch Walters said he would talk to Slaven.

**Park Coordinator – Mitch Walter:** Walters advised Council that he would be willing to take this position since it is his department that usually covers events at the park. Park committee members will get back to him on this.

**WELL PROPERTY - Linda Walker:**

Linda Walker was not present, however, Council does not want to sell the property. Laura Schrader stated that we shouldn't give this up until after the water projects are complete. Council agreed. Walker will be advised.

**SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE:** Change hours to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, list max speeds. Council can approve at the next Council meeting.

**APEC CONTRACT AMMENDMENT: Planning Grant-** PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) is for sidewalks, underground utilities, and lights on Yaak. Konzen will put in the match and will pay for the PER Grant even if we don't get it. This proposed contract will be heard at the next council meeting.

Hammons goes to the Libby Council meeting tomorrow regarding the \$100,000 grant.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Schrader:** There has been discussion about a Special Events Coordinator, and Mitch Walters has expressed interest in the position. Schrader stated that they haven't decided what to do yet and asked that Walters be given the park information that the Council has been working on. Discussion regarding animal control hours followed. **Larry Baker:** notified council that he will not be attending the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

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Jim Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra Johnson, City Clerk and Treasurer