

**Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
March 17, 2009**

The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Mayor - Jim Hammons, Council: Don Banning, and Larry Coryell, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson. Laura Schrader and Larry Baker-Excused.

GUESTS: None

LINDA WALKER: Burk Well Property – Linda Walker is interested in purchasing the property back from the City. Council advised the City may still need this property as an alternate well site. Council said at this time, no.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROCEDURE: A Capital Improvement Plan determines the acquisition, purchase and procurement of needed items for each department. It should cover ten years, but at can be five years. When applications for major improvements are reviewed by the funding agencies, the application scores higher when a CIP is in place. An inventory will have to be done for all city owned property and equipment. This will help in determining the items to be replaced, removed or refurbished. This is also determines the amount of reserves necessary for funding. Hammons emphasized the importance of having this for future funding.

WASACT: A recent water/wastewater WASACT conference was held in Missoula. The conference gave insight into how the different agencies review applications, but also had talked about the national stimulus package and what Montana could fund with their share. Mayor Hammons is hopeful that with the stimulus package. Troy may yet get funding for at least part of the continuing water project. Troy has been advised that we were on the list to receive \$175,000 from the Omnibus Bill. Troy has a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Phase II of the water project ready to go and will publish it in the newspapers. We have already been contacted by three engineers. We are losing approximately 500,000 gallons of water per day because of the current system. The pumps are constantly running because of this leakage. Discussion followed regarding the low scores received from funding agencies do to the Water project PER from the engineers. Hammons mentioned to council about maps from the Department of Commerce that we could use for planning and zoning.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Johnson: *Growth Policy* – It is in the final stage of approval. **Banning:** *Police Department:* Would like to know why the local arrests aren't published in the newspapers. Banning wants to make sure that the PD is doing their job. Hammons offered Banning the opportunity to meet with the Police Department regarding procedures. Hammons will follow up with Chief of Police. Banning also would like a schedule of when the Animal Control officer is on duty. *New Company:* Banning informed council of the talk of a bridge building company that would like to be established in Troy, but funding and other items need to be in place to do this. **Hammons:** *BNSF:* Hammons talked to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway about the roundhouse property. Vermiculite has been found and DEQ will be cleaning it up. There still needs to be more funding to clean it up completely. Hammons advised council that they need to keep following this to make sure something is done. The bridge company could have used this site, had it been cleaned up. *County:* Hammons spoke with

Commissioner Konzen, he wants to do Third Street with CTEP funds. They just need to get it approved by CTEP. This will include sidewalks, lighting and streets.

Discussion regarding agenda for March 18th meeting followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer