

**Troy City Council  
Work Meeting  
Council Chambers  
January 19, 2010**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Don Banning, Council: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Gary Rose and, Larry Coryell, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

**GUESTS:** Jerry Strong, Al Kelly, Wayne Maffitt, Vickie Bullard, and Jim Hobsen

**MOBILE ORDINANCE: Wayne Maffitt (property across the street)** - Maffitt asked if council had taken action on the ordinance regarding the travel trailer across the street from his home. Mayor Banning advised that the ordinance does not cover travel trailers. Maffitt stated that City Attorney Fennessy advised him that as long as people would have been hooked up to utilities, then it nullifies this ordinance. Banning stated that the ordinance stands until it is changed by action of the council and the city is still waiting for advice by council. Fran McCully stated that services are provided to vacant lots also. Discussion on prior services followed. Maffitt asked what the holdup is. A citation was issued to clean up the lot and it still hasn't been done. Maffitt added that it seems the owner has abandoned the place. Maffitt stated that he is just asking for a ruling. Mayor Banning stated that according to the ordinance, this is for manufactured mobile homes and trailers. There seems to be a loop hole in the concerning travel trailers. It is a travel trailer that is across the street from the Maffitt property. Banning asked Maffitt if he would like to have it put on the agenda for the February council meeting. Maffitt replied yes. Mayor Banning will contact the City attorney on this issue again. Discussion on variances followed.

**VICKI BULLARD: (NEW Frontier area manager) – Frontier Communications-** Vicki Bullard introduced herself and gave her background. She introduced Jim Hobson who had come with her to the meeting. Bullard advised she retired from Verizon after 29 years, and started on November 30, 2009 as area manager for Frontier Communications. Jim Hobson is the account Manager. They both want to be involved in the community, and said if the city had any questions to just give them a call. Hobson suggested that Frontier and the community can do a work effort together as far as grants go.

**JERRY STRONG: Water meters-** Strong has property that goes from Riverside to Mill Road. He gets two water bills because there are two homes. He is concerned about being over the gallons allowed because there is only one meter. He explained; if he is paying two residential fees he wants the usage allowed for two household fees even though it only has one meter. Phil Fisher asked Strong why the meter wasn't put in for the other home during the original project. Strong said there is only one water line to both homes. Expense and easements were issues at the time. Future concern is the cost of the meter. Discussion on easements, meters and what would need to be done to do this. Council will discuss this to see what they need to do and will do. Phil Fisher feels that he should have had the meter put in during the original project. Gary Rose feels the same. Larry Coryell agreed. Banning asked that this be put on the February council work meeting agenda.

**CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE:** Gary Rose stated that codification has not been done since the 1980's, probably because of expense. This needs to be updated to bring Troy current. Codification expense would be approximately \$8,000. Gary Rose also wanted to bring up section 2-24-010, where it is up to the treasurer on the first Monday of the month to present to the council, a full and detailed statement of the amount of money belonging to the municipality. The clerk stated that it is available for them whenever they want it, and can be given on the first of the month if that is what they want. Rose also brought up Section 2-16-020 which indicates that the Chief of police is to give a complete report during each regular monthly meeting. Discussion on reports and time frames to be given followed. The council will ask the Chief of Police to report monthly. Banning suggested putting the codification in the FY-2010/2011 budget.

**RIDE-ALONG POLICY:** Banning presented the ride-along policy from the City of Libby, and suggested possibly adopting a similar policy. Gary Rose suggested studying the policy before making a decision. Fran McCully mentioned the criminal history check and who pays for it. Banning stated that it shouldn't be costly to the city. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** Mayor Banning stated that the city has no standing committees at the time. We appoint committees when there is a need. A committee cannot be established until there is a meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**Department Reports -**

*President of Council:* Mayor Banning advised that a council president needed to be appointed at the next council meeting. Council agreed that this be put on the agenda for January 20, 2010 Council Meeting.

*Police Department Position:* Phil Fisher asked about John Thrasher. Banning stated that he will be hiring John Thrasher on a thirty day emergency basis until applications can be reviewed and sent to the police commission for their review also. Banning stated that a point system will be followed. Banning also explained his reasons for his decision to appoint a new Chief of Police and the other officer. According to what he had to go by, the Mayor appoints the position of Chief. Larry Coryell feels that according to MCA codes the council needs to be informed and needs to give approval of any new appointments and new hires. Rose stated that he has reservations on how fast things are going.

Larry Coryell resigned his council position to include any committee positions as of January 19, 2010.

Discussion on process to fill vacancy followed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Phil Fisher and seconded by Gary Rose. Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.

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Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra Johnson, Clerk