

**Troy City Council
Work Meeting
Council Chambers
August 17, 2010**

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

Mayor Banning lead the Pledge of Alliance

GUESTS: Robert McLeod – Troy Police Department, Tracy Rebo – Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Don Banning brought up the flyer for “Your Opinion Matters”. He offered the information to the council. It is a focus group with discussion for healthcare services in the Libby and Troy area.

REVIEW TO CHANGE COUNCIL WORK DAY MEETING: Mayor Banning advised that attached is a copy of Ordinance No. 603 for the regular meeting. He stated that he wasn’t sure if council wanted to change it to two council meetings per month or just change the work meeting to an earlier date. Phil Fisher stated that they were just requesting the work meeting be changed. It was council’s consensus to change the monthly work meetings to an earlier date and time. After discussion, their decision was 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. A follow-up will be done to see if there is a resolution needed or just a motion to change.

Fran McCully asked the Mayor if there was anything going on in the city that he needed to inform council of. Mayor Banning stated that he will address them in the public comments section.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Banning-

DNRC Tree Grant- Mayor Banning made mention of the walk-through from DNRC regarding the dead trees. There were 24 of the 45. They removed some and took samples. DNRC informed Banning that they would replace them probably in the spring planting season. Discussion followed regarding similar trees that were planted in Libby. Fran McCully asked if a sprinkler system was part of the contract. Banning explained that it was a drip system surrounding the tree. Discussion followed.

Budget- Banning reminded council of their discussion regarding getting back together to increase communication, in which he had invited them to come to his office for discussion. He stated that nobody from the council came in. He stated that he would like the council’s input on how to start communicating. Discussion followed with reasoning from council on why they refuse to come into the office. Loretta Jones stated; all four of us feel like we are not getting information. I don’t think we should have to go ask if there is anything new. It could come out at a meeting; it could be part of the agenda or general information so we know. Gary Rose stated; if there are things we want to talk about and ask you to put them on the agenda; you question it and then throw it out. It is your job to set the agenda, but you don’t dictate the agenda, this is our meeting. If we want to talk about something, I think it better be on the agenda. Phil Fisher gave the example of the hiring a clerk of court and that the council was not informed and did not approve the position. Loretta Jones added; it wasn’t even budgeted for next year. Banning asked if the items that are put in their boxes are of any help to them. Fran McCully answered; the things we get have more to do with the State; I don’t remember what the last thing was that actually pertain to the people of Troy have concerns about. Discussion followed. Phil Fisher stated; we have been told that it has to go through the Mayor. Gary Rose added; so if there is stuff that we should know about, the Mayor should be telling the clerk to give it to us. Discussion followed. Fran McCully asked the clerk if you assume all this responsibility to advise the council, where does the Mayor fit in? The clerk replied, I always talk to the mayor beforehand in supplying the information. Fran McCully stated we are under the impression that the information comes to the council through the mayor, and we have been instructed, in our one training session, that we direct our questions to the mayor, then he gets the information and brings it back to us. Fran McCully added; right now I’m happy with the information I’m getting. I have a problem with you and Robert McLeod, when you

speaking for the Mayor. I think Banning should speak for himself and not have other people speak for him. Tracy Rebo stated that she knows for a fact that anything that goes into the council's boxes, the clerk always asks the Mayor if he wants council to have a copy. Discussion followed. Gary Rose brought up the dugout roofs and stated that he felt the city crew could have built them for less. Fran McCully stated that it was in the May minutes that Rose brought it up twice. Mayor Banning stated; we have department heads that do specific jobs. The dugout roofs were a specific job for the Parks department and in the previous budget so I turned it over to that department. Gary Rose stated; there was construction money in the budget, but it didn't say it was for the dugout roofs. Loretta Jones added; who said he had to spend it all. A department head, a responsible person, should be going out there to get the best prices and should be chastised for not doing it right. Tracy Rebo stated this sounds like you guys are always dredging on the past, we need to look toward the future. We need to drop this. Tell the mayor exactly what you want from him. Loretta Jones stated; that's a good point, if it would stop right here, but we are sitting here not going forward. Fran McCully stated the only thing we can base this on is what we have tried to do and what the outcome has been. This has been our experience and our outcome. Gary Rose asked if the clerk of court position is past or present. Don Banning stated that there was someone hired for that position. Rose asked who it was, and Banning stated; Denise Killingsworth. Phil Fisher asked if he had the council's approval for the hire. Banning stated; no. Loud discussion followed. Loretta Jones stated; he doesn't need out approval but it would be courteous to be notified. Phil Fisher insisted that council's approval was needed as stated in the city's charter. Mayor Banning advised that it says in the personnel policy; that if there is deemed to be a vacancy or a job requested by a department head; they write up a job description, which was done. Banning explained the application and interviewing process. Phil Fisher stated; is there money in the budget? Yes, there is. Has it already been signed and dated that there is a job position, and went on to say the budget has not been officially voted on. Robert McLeod stated that he was at the meeting when Judge Dye had stated that the court has account funds that would pay for a clerk position. Banning advised that the court funds are administered into the general fund and the State will be paying for the clerk's phone and computer as it is a judicial expense. Phil Fisher asked why we have a charter if it is in the personnel policy. The clerk advised that the Charter is what gives general procedure; at times things can be changed by resolution or ordinance. Phil Fisher stated; we have never changed it. No you haven't, but it has been changed because of all the resolutions and ordinances that came after it. It's not a change in the charter itself, but the resolutions and ordinances define it more clearly. Discussion followed. Mayor Banning reminded Phil Fisher that minutes need to be taken at their meetings. Fran McCully stated; we have minutes. Banning asked why there weren't turned in. McCully answered; because Libby said they don't turn in their committee meeting minutes. They keep the minutes at the committee in a binder and are there for anyone that requests to see them. Banning stated; we are not Libby. McCully replied; we all reference other cities. More discussion regarding how the Charter and the personnel policy read followed. Discussion regarding the process of how the court system funds work followed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

Phil Fisher made the **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m. and Loretta Jones seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, Clerk