

**Troy City Work Meeting
Council Chambers
April 14, 2011
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 5:45 pm. Present: Mayor Banning, Council: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Gary Rose, John Clogston, City and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

GUESTS: Robert McLeod, Linda Rose, Heidi Desch, Janine Price, David Norman, Rachelle Garrison, Payton Norman, Clint Taylor, CT Beede, Susie Taylor, Tracy Rebo, Chris Hartzmann, Don Whedon, Denise Whedon, Heather McDougall, Marilyn McDougall, and Ron Rebo.

MELOY LETTER: Mayor Banning advised that this had been discussed in the Special Meeting, nothing further to be discussed for this meeting.

VARIANCE REQUEST: MORE THAN THREE DOGS – Whedon and Hartzmann- Mayor Banning asked if they brought the information required for the variance. Denise Whedon answered; yes, and gave the information to Mayor and Council. Council had no questions. Mayor Banning instructed Don and Denise Whedon, and Chris Hartzmann that it would be presented for action at the regular council meeting on Wednesday April 20, 2011.

EECBG GRANT (City Hall Bldg) – Mike Fraser Contract- Mayor Banning advised that Mike Fraser will be administering the grant and is requesting \$5,500 for his services. Mayor Banning read aloud his services outlined in the contract. Gary Rose asked if the payment came out of the grant funds. Banning answered; yes. Phil Fisher asked; under his list of services; “develop and assist in implementation of the critical path project schedule”? It was advised that it doesn’t mean a literal path. It means the course of what we have to do. Fisher asked; is there a copy of this grant, so I can see how the money is spent. Yes, there is a large file at City Hall. Fisher asked isn’t part of the grant to put in HVAC? The city building doesn’t have the right configurations to put in that type of furnace, so it had to be changed. Discussion followed regarding office space, windows, and doors. Gary Rose asked if the funding agency did an evaluation on the entire building. Yes, and added, they are the ones that required the space to be closed in so it would be energy efficient. Discussion followed. Fran McCully asked if anything had to go back to the EECBG for approval. A monthly report is submitted to them. Phil Fisher will be in to review the packet.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CONTRACT: Mayor Banning asked if they all had copies of the contract. and that Clint Taylor had given them the averages; it is right in the ball park as to what we should be charging them for the services provided. Don Banning advised that a cost of living increase is always figured into it as well. John Clogston stated when he checked with engineers in the electric industry, the Operating and Maintenance contract seemed reasonable to them. He expressed concern that the monthly should be increased. Fran McCully stated that council needs a real picture of what does go on every day and how much time it takes. I don’t feel that we have all the information on it yet. I think we need another meeting with Clint Taylor and hopefully Northern Lights will come up and have a conversation with us. Mayor Banning stated; I exclusively trust Taylor and what he is doing. Clogston agreed. Banning continued; these are his recommendations and I hesitate to push a company that has given us a revenue opportunity. Fran McCully stated; I don’t look at it as giving us an opportunity. We are doing them a big favor. Banning advised them to talk to Taylor to see if those increases have been in place over the years. Fran McCully asked if Council can talk to Taylor. Mayor Banning answered; absolutely. Phil Fisher asked if this was a copy of last year’s contract. Mayor Banning stated; it is the one that we are in right now. Heather McDougall stated; until you have a conversation with Northern Lights, you don’t know how they feel. Discussion followed.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mayor Banning advised that Mr. Barnes met with him and stated he could not accept the city attorney position. Banning added; I met today with another attorney, Charles Evans, and have appointed him, pending Council approval at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Banning advised that Mr. Evans will be here then to answer any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Heather McDougall stated that she thinks the alleys look nice. She added that in her opinion, she sees no need for work meetings. It would be better to go an hour longer one day a month. Mayor Banning stated; this is up to the Council. There was discussion on the Ordinance pertaining to the Regular Council Meetings, but not one for work meetings. Bob McLeod brought up that the Council didn't like the work meeting so close to the Regular Council Meetings so it was moved to the week prior. Phil Fisher stated that he likes the work meetings.

Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.

Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer