

**Troy City Work Meeting  
Council Chambers  
December 8, 2011  
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Donald Banning, Council: Phil Fisher, Gary Rose, and John Clogston, and Deputy Clerk Tracy Rebo. Fran McCully unexcused absent

**GUESTS:** Robert McLeod, Linda Rose, Ezra Dolezal, Lizzy Storkson, Kahli Carmignani, and Tiffany Hennisley

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Donald Banning reported that there will be a webinar on December 13, 2011 on Roberts Rules of Order, if anyone was interested to contact city hall to have the information forward to them. Banning also updated council regarding a claim that was filed against the city for damage to a building. The property owner had filed a claim previously which was denied by MMIA. Banning advised council to refer to the letter in their packet. Banning asked the Council if they wanted to keep the regularly scheduled December 21, 2011 meeting, with the Christmas holiday being so close to it. It was Council's consensus to keep the regularly scheduled date.

**PUBLIC MEETING - RATE INCREASES:** Banning advised Council to start thinking about rate increases in power and sewer. He added that the City's Power bill for one month had increased about \$14,000.00 compared to last year at this time with approximately the same amount of kilowatts being used. Banning referred to the attachment in the Council's packet that power manager Clint Taylor had submitted. Phil Fisher read aloud the letter from Montana Rural Development is strongly recommending the City to work with the Montana Rural Water to conduct a rate study to establish new water and waste water rates. Fisher stated he would like to see where the city is deficient at in the water department. He was advised to come into the office for information. Discussion followed regarding the sewer fund being adjusted and gaining in comparison n to previous years. Rebo explained the difference between reserves and restricted reserves. Discussion followed regarding water fund reserves.

**CTEP / SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT:** Banning reported that Robert Peccia and Associates will submit the application. Banning explained the construction budget and advised that it will be placed on the December 21, 2011 meeting to approve submittal. Fisher asked if the preliminary engineering and the construction included Fraser Consulting as well as RPA. Banning answered yes. Fraser is the non infrastructure and RPA is the infrastructure. Chief of Police Robert McLeod asked if Safe Routes to School path is going to tie into the walking path on Yaak Avenue. Banning answered yes, at Fourth Street. McLeod expressed his concern that the crosswalk near the tracks isn't lighted for dark hours in the mornings and after school. Banning advised McLeod to refer to the plan and it will be lighted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Banning advised that there will be 2 special meetings on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. One being the swearing in of new council members and the

other will be to approve the appointment of Tracy Rebo to the City Clerk position. McLeod advised that he has a new policy for stop stick procedures. He explained the high speed chase and why the tires were flattened. The policy is to deploy the stop sticks as they go out of town.

Banning updated the Council on the EECBG project. He advised that it will be on the agenda to accept or not to accept the bid.

Lizzy Storkson asked for clarification on rate increases. Banning replied.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer