

**Troy City Work Meeting
Council Chambers
April 12, 2012
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Don Banning, Council: Fran McCully, and Joe Arts, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Crystal Denton and Phil Fisher excused absent.

GUESTS: Linda Rose, Gary Rose, John Clogston, Steve Bowen, and Heather McDougall.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS: Training – Mayor Donald Banning asked City Clerk Tracy Rebo for confirmation that this was Crystal Denton’s requested agenda item. Rebo advised that Denton would like to go to the MMCT & FOA training in Billings in May. Banning advised that Rebo had sent out an invitation to all Council members and Denton was the only one that confirmed she wanted to attend. Fran McCully asked; that is \$1000, isn’t it. Rebo answered; it is \$338 plus mileage which would be \$495. There was discussion on travel. McCully stated that Denton had emailed her on this and told her that we are over budgeted on this even if you go. McCully stated that it is more important that the City Clerk go. Rebo advised that there is a different agenda for the council than there is for the clerks. McCully asked for confirmation that it is put on by Local Government Center. Rebo answered yes. McCully asked what the difference would be between what they put on in Kalispell or Libby. Rebo offered McCully a copy of the agenda. McCully stated; we are already over by \$200. Rebo advised that she gave council a copy of the cash report to show that after the year–end transfer, there will still be over \$3200 in the fund, but not in the line item. Discussion followed.

EVENTS ON CITY PROPERTY: Mayor Banning introduced the liability concerns by using another town’s questions to MMIA regarding events on City Property. He read aloud the MMIA’s opinion: *MMIA has consistently recommended that Cities and Towns practice sound risk management principles and take reasonable steps to manage exposure in your operations. We have also maintained that exposures are created by others that are using municipal facilities and if you, the City, do not have the ability to control the outcome, then you should transfer the exposure on to the even holder. If you cannot control the outcomes, you do not have the ability to manage the risk. If you cannot manage the risk, you should require the person or entity who can manage the risk, to assume the exposure by assuming the liability for the event by providing insurance. One significant difficulty is this sound risk management risk practice is to find affordable insurance for these events. We believe we have found a solution to this problem. The MMIA and the Independent Insurance Agents of Montana have worked together to provide access to provide to special events liability coverage for events held on municipal property in Montana that are sponsored by a private individual or organization. To obtain coverage, please contact a local Montana agent to review details and set up the coverage.* Banning continued; MMIA has found a solution with Montana Insurance Agents, and I think events like the 4th of July would be under this. He added; this is just for your understanding that any event that is held on city property, has to have liability coverage. Discussion followed. McCully asked if there was going to be more on this

at the regular meeting, or if it was just for our information. Banning reiterated that it was just for the Council's information.

BPA: Rebate Incentives- Tracy Rebo presented a list of incentives that Clint Taylor has been reviewing. He would like some feedback, so we know what to budget for. Mayor Banning added that the Troy Power was allotted \$38,000 in rebates from BPA that can be used until September of 2013. Banning continued explaining the presented list of Taylor's. McCully stated; why would we not try to work with the full amount. Banning answered; because only the listed people have asked about it. We would like to know if council has heard of anyone in the public requesting energy saving projects. He stated; we need to know if this is all we want to do, or offer the public shower heads or light bulbs. Heather McDougall suggested putting it in a newsletter. Discussion followed. Rebo advised to talk with Clint Taylor for more information.

ELECTRIC POLICY CHANGES: Council was presented with a copy of the proposed changes that were given to Council earlier this year. Rebo advised that she would like feedback so it can be presented at the next meeting to be voted on. McCully asked; this is what policy as of right is now? Rebo explained that the underlined areas are what administration would like to see included. She explained that on the second page letter G has been changed to F she represented the final draft includes Tear 2 rates.

SEWER POLICY CHANGES: Rebo presented Council with a copy of the Sewer Policy to begin going over it. Mayor Banning pointed out that the last time the Sewer Policy had been done is January to 1997, over 15 years ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Clogston asked what the water usage was in the last two previous months and would like to see it to go to the public. Rebo advised that he can come in the City Hall office and request it any time he wants it. Gary Rose asked why the Special Council Meeting in March, for the purpose of hiring a temporary defense attorney, was cancelled. He stated that it was voted on and seconded by council and asked what gives him the authority to cancel a Council temporary prosecuting attorney can be hired. Differences of opinion were stated.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo City Clerk/Treasurer