

**Troy City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
February 20, 2013
7:00 pm**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Anthony E Brown, Administrative Assistant Brad Jones, Council: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Joe Arts, and Crystal Denton, City Clerk Tracy Rebo and City Attorney Heather McDougall.

GUESTS: Linda Newstrom, Linda Rose, Gary Rose, Mike DuPerault, Jim Reintsma, Jayne Brown, Donna Rugani, John Clogston, Barry Donathon, Steven Reedi, Tim Schertel Sr., Schertel Jr., and Ryan Murray – The Western News

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Crystal Denton made the **Motion** to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2012 Public Hearing, December 19, 2012 Council Meeting, January 2, 2013 Special Council Meeting, January 10, 2013 Work Meeting, and January 16, 2013 Council Meeting. Phil Fisher seconded the Motion. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Mayor* – gave an update on the museum and the future plans for it. He stated his idea of possibly getting an architect student who could submit a drawing for college credit. He advised that he has been in contact with BNSF to have the railway spur moved back. Brown advised that another water leak was repaired at minimum expense. He reported the water feature at Roosevelt Park is moving forward with re-routing the water next week. Brown let it be known that he had a discussion with the Police Department regarding ticketing property owners for junk vehicles and garbage. *Council* – Fisher: asked Rebo if she was able to identify any gallons of water saved by the recent meter readings. She answered that the readings haven't been entered into the system yet, but estimated the loss at about 51%. Brown stated that the department is also aware of another leak near a hydrant on First Street. Denton: reported that dispatch will be moving to their new office next week. *Administrative Assistant* – Jones: reported that the second notice of Business License renewals have been mailed and most business are complying. Jones updated the progress of the new police officers. He advised that both officers qualified on "Use of Force". They are now training with the Lincoln County Sherriff's office for more on the job training. One officer still needs a special fitting vest. All other departments submitted written reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Formula Fabrication: HVAC, Owners: Frank & Karee Sweedman. Business located at 25 Highwood Dr. in Libby. Not present.

Troy Mini Mart and Holiday Motel: Owners: Joe Lapham, ESI Inc. and Mike Duperault, business located at 211E Missoula Avenue and 217 E Missoula Avenue in Troy. Duperault advised that he will be selling tobacco, beer, and wine. Once he is finished with his licensing through the state he will then apply for an alcohol beverage license with the City.

Schertel Tree Trimming: Owner: Tim Schertel Sr. Business located at 408 Hogan Dr. in Libby

Chiisai JuDo Dojo, Inc.: Owner Barry Donathon. Business located at 315 E Missoula Avenue #2 in Troy. Donathon gave a brief background of his training and certifications. He advised that

he will no longer be running out of the current location and will advise of the new location when determined.

Crystal Denton made a **Motion** to approve the Business Licenses with the exception of Formula Fabrications. Phil Fisher seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

NEWSLETTER: Fran McCully – McCully stated that the City is to have a newsletter quarterly and she would like to see one. McCully stated that she will take it upon herself to start one and asked for any ideas to be emailed to her within a week. There was discussion regarding putting the City's web address on the billing cards.

POLICE COMMISSION: It brought up that there is still need for one more member on the commission. It is needed to go through the steps to hire the Police Officers and McCully would like to see the proper steps taken. Donna Rugani stated that she looked at the applications and determined if they were qualified. Jayne Brown will submit a letter of interest for the open position.

EMPLOYEE POLICY: City Attorney, Heather McDougall, let Council know that she updated the personnel policy by incorporating the current Union Contract into it. She advised that she changed the format by putting each policy on one page to address them individually. She asked for feedback on the new formatting in order to proceed with other policies. McCully volunteered to head the Policy Committee. Mayor Brown agreed.

POWER DISTRIBUTION AUDIT: Mayor Brown stated that he would like to save the City some money and maybe this is one way. Northern Lights recommended a company out of Missoula. Jones added that currently the power company is working on updating the drawings and they will be sent in to the company. They will get an estimate on the audit. The power company is looking at putting Callahan lines underground due to difficulty repairing lines. Discussion followed. Jones added that the company will help with a 15 year plan.

DISPATCH BOARD: Crystal Denton let it be known that Dennis Dupuis has submitted a letter of interest to be on the Troy Area Dispatch Board as a City resident. Mayor Brown gave a brief background of Dupuis and added that he is familiar with the generator that keeps Dispatch energized during power outages. **Motion** to approve the letter of interest from Dennis Dupuis to service on the Dispatch board was made by Crystal Denton, second by Joe Arts. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION No. 660: Mayor Brown read aloud Resolution No. 660 setting employee wages. **Motion** to approve the Resolution was made by Joe Arts and seconded by Crystal Denton. **Motion Carried.** Phil Fisher recused himself from the vote.

ROSEBUD SUBDIVISION: Ken Davis – Davis stated that he had come before the Council regarding problems with the conditions of the Rosebud Subdivision. One would be the one foot wide no access strip around the various lots. He stated it was too restrictive, and would like to see it amended for the reasoning that he didn't want the traffic to use Chapel Flats Road. He feels that it would be a safety problem and the way around it would be to keep his traffic within his subdivision. Mayor Brown asked Davis if he would be doing all the road maintenance. Davis replied; absolutely. Brown asked how wide he plans to build the road. Davis answered; 24 feet, the County standard. Brown asked if there were any changes since his first presentation of the subdivision two years ago. Davis answered; other than the road, no. Fisher stated; you were talking about putting the road straight through with a cul-de-sac, that is a major change. Davis

answered; I do want to extend the road the entire way back, but I wouldn't consider it to be major change. What is major; is that I want my traffic on my land. I want to be able to control the speed and road maintenance agreements. McCully stated that she wanted to walk through the property. Brown asked Davis the size of the water main. Davis answered that he thought it was eight or ten inches because he had to have it engineered to speck for fire. It was consensus of council that Davis, McCully and Fisher will meet to walk the property.

ROSEVELT PARK HOST: It was brought up to advertise for a Park Host by word of mouth and possibly placing an ad in the newspaper. McCully stated that she would like to have a cement pad and separate utilities for the park host. Mayor Brown would like to meet with McCully to walk through the park, the subdivision, and the cemetery. There was discussion regarding cemetery clean up.

CLAIMS: Mayor Brown asked if there were any questions on the claims. Fisher asked questions regarding the water. Rebo answered; we started charging per meter instead of per EDU. Discussion was held on why the change to the way water it charged to each resident. Fisher brought up the \$1.00 rate decrease and usage increase in water to make up for part of the sewer rate increase. He stated that he was under the impression that this was to take place. Rebo explained that it was her understanding that the Mayor was approached by members of the public that didn't want to see the water department to be in the same situation as the sewer department, so the decrease wasn't to take place. Mayor Brown concurred. Discussion followed. Fisher asked if the fire department and city hall had separate electric meters. Rebo answered yes, city hall has one and the fire department has two. Fisher asked if the city hall billing is shared with anyone. Rebo answered; yes, Dispatch's is included in their rent, and County Youth Detention pays half of all utilities for the building instead of rent. Rebo explained how it is billed out. McCully asked about the claim from Fluid Market Strategies. Rebo explained that it is the company that we pay to process the paperwork for the heat pump rebates. **Motion** to approve the claims in the amount of \$90,281.57 was made by Crystal Denton and seconded by Joe Arts. **Motion Carried.** Fisher-N, Denton-Y, Arts-Y, and McCully-Y.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. was made by Phil Fisher and seconded by Joe Arts. **Motion Carried.**

Anthony E. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer