

**Troy Council Work Meeting
Council Chambers
January 9, 2014
6:30 pm**

Mayor Coldwell brought the meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Darren Coldwell. And Council: Crystal Denton, Joe Arts, and Dallas Carr; City Attorney Heather McDougall, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Kimberly Rowse excused absence.

GUESTS: Ron Rebo, Fran McCully, Larry Coryell, Linda Rose, Gary Rose, John Clogston, Phil Fisher, Con Lee, and Jim Winslow

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Fran McCully requested a signup sheet for the public to submit their e-mail addresses so they can be mailed agendas and other important items; and to have packets available to the public. Mayor Coldwell stated that he has no problem with that. Phil Fisher asked if the public will have a chance to speak on each item. Coldwell answered; yes. Jim Winslow brought up that he is being charged for a water meter/pit without usage and his feelings is that it is not right. He stated his understanding that if he chooses to disconnect he can reconnect at a later time for a fee and asked if anyone could recall the amount. Mayor Coldwell asked Winslow for time to look into the matter and at a later date it will be put on a work session agenda. Discussion followed.

MAYOR COLDWELL: Running meetings, public input, and comment periods- Coldwell explained he put this item on the agenda to let the public know that they can comment on agenda items but it will not be used for personal attacks. He extended public invitation to come into his office and gave a brief availability window. He brought up the Troy Council Rules and Procedures section of the Council's packet, and stated that time will be taken for its review. He stated that on each item, the audience will be able to comment to Mayor and Council first on the issues. Once the Motion is made and seconded, leave it to the Council to discuss. He continued by saying; once there is no more discussion, I'll ask for the vote and we will move on. Larry Coryell asked if he would ask for public comment before the Motion. Coldwell answered; yes.

CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY POLICY: John Clogston stated the City of Troy had two Christmas parties in 2013 and as a voter felt it was unnecessary. He wanted his feelings heard for the future years that this should be changed in policy and the Council has plenty of time to make the change. It was clarified that the City only paid for one dinner and that the potluck that was held the day before was completely paid by employees and held during employees lunch time. No wages or city funds were spent on it.

TCI CONTRACT: Coldwell advised that he spoke to Rich Thompson and reported that due to some unforeseen circumstances, the project did not get finished by the date of the contract. City Attorney Heather McDougall will put a change order together and present it at the next council meeting for vote. Discussion was held on different sections of the water project.

FIRE WISE CONTRACT: Coldwell advised that the Fire Wise Contract has been extended and approved because of the work already done so this will be placed on the regular meeting for the approval of the extension of the project.

BPA Change order #1: Mayor Coldwell explained what the Energy Efficiency program is and advised will be extended. Rebo added that the contract was set to expire in September 2014 and now is an option to extend it through September of 2015.

COLLECTION BUREAU SERVICES: Mayor Coldwell advised that the City is looking to a different service provider for collection services. Fran McCully feels the policy should be looked at and see if it possible to put liens on properties. Discussion followed.

MMIA TRAINING IN LIBBY: Rebo announced to Mayor and Council that there will be training by MMIA on March 25th, 2014 in Libby. Coldwell requested all Council to attend with him.

DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY: Mayor Coldwell spoke with City Attorney McDougall and they would like to see this go to Committee. Coldwell's committee is as follows: Carol Armstrong, Jim Baillie, Kimberly Rowse, and Terri Lenhart. They will have three different things to look at. McDougall suggested contacting the representative from TR Lane to see if he can attend the meetings. Discussion followed.

CLAIM FOR PD POST LAWYER: Coldwell advised that he spoke with both the employee involved and his attorney and asked for a month to research the information. He advised council that there is a very large file in the City Hall and asked them each to go through it and do their own research. Mayor Coldwell wants to make sure that we all have everything that we need for the vote and to be informed. McDougall quested the file; stating that it may have attorney client privileges. Coldwell offered to let McDougall look at it prior to Council looking at it. McDougall reiterated that she doesn't want privileges being overrun so the City doesn't get in trouble.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE COMMITTEE: Mayor Coldwell explained that he appointed a committee and introduced them. Discussion followed regarding posting the committee meeting and when they could meet. Larry Coryell asked if the previous council approved. Coldwell answered; no, it hadn't been approved yet. Coryell asked if Electric Utility fund was going to purchase the equipment. Coldwell answered; yes. McDougall stated it would be a departmental split between Electric, Water, and Sewer. Coldwell agreed. Coryell commented that the customer basic meter charge was raised to build the reserve. It grew to \$800,000 plus and it continues to grow. He stated his feelings of not wanting any money to go to the purchase and stated that the increase was for strictly reserve for emergencies. Discussion was held on where the operating cash sits at for the Electric Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Darren Coldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer