

**Troy Council Special Meeting  
Council Chambers  
January 29, 2014  
6:00 pm**

Council President, Crystal Denton brought the meeting came to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Council: Crystal Denton, Joe Arts, and Dallas Carr; City Attorney Heather McDougall, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Kimberly Rowse unexcused absence, and Mayor Coldwell excused absence.

**GUESTS:** John Clogston, Bob Welch, Joyce Welch, Phil Fisher, Clinton Taylor, Larry Coryell, Jeff Thill, and Ron Rebo

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Larry Coryell read aloud a prepared statement:

*Mayor, City of Troy, And President of the Council: I see no reason for calling this special meeting of the Troy City Council. I believe the agenda items could and should be tabled until the regular council meeting, when the Mayor can be present. I ask you to adjourn this meeting after tabling the agenda items.*

*If you continue with this meeting without the presence of the Mayor; I submit these comments:*

*1. No cost benefit analysis has been presented. The analysis should include an assessment of equipment rental vs purchase, contracting each job segment, contracting with the County for use of any and all phases of work, and an evaluation of equipment specifications.*

*2. I am opposed to the use of any reserve funds for the purchase of this equipment.*

*3. If reserve funds are used to purchase equipment, I then ask that \$4/month be reduced from the basic meter charge of \$10. Furthermore, I request that all rate payers be refunded \$4/month since the rate increase went into effect from \$6 to \$10 approximately 5 and ½ to 6 years ago.*

*4. The \$4 increase in rats was solely to increase the reserve, not buy equipment. I estimate that over \$450,000 has been collected and should be returned to rate payers.*

*5. I believe you should go through a normal procurement process of calling for bids after listing the machine requirement and having approval for budget and purchase.*

*6. It appears that "machine shopping" was the beginning of this process when it should be the end of the process.*

*Signed and Addressed by Larry L. Coryell, Former Troy City Council member 109 W Kootenai Ave., Troy, MT 59935. (406)291-7611*

*P.S. Cost-Benefit analysis should also address additional costs of ownership, such as the need to construct a structure for equipment storage.*

*Larry L Coryell; January 29, 2014*

John Clogston asked the Council if they have taken a look at the cost of contracting the job or leasing the equipment for the job versus the cost of the equipment. Crystal Denton asked Power Manager Clinton Taylor if the City has ever engaged in a long term or yearly lease on equipment. Taylor answered no, but we have contracted out the project, and he gave an estimated cost of the last project.

Dallas Carr acknowledged Coryell's points and gave his thoughts of this being a good deal for the City. He added that the other committee members agree. Jeff Thill is willing to train employees on them. Carr stated that even after the City uses it for three years; the City could get the money back out of it on a resale. Paul Winslow stated that the cost of renting this machine per month would be around \$3,000 per month. Phil Fisher stated that the cost of a smaller piece of equipment that was over \$200 per day. Discussion held on the delivery of the equipment. Carr asked for clarification on which department was paying for it. It was advised the power department would pay with the others reimbursing the electric department. Carr advised that he has been in contact with the Mayor and he is in agreement as well.

**RESOLUTION No. 674: Budget Amendment to Purchase Excavator, Trailer and Truck –** Crystal Denton read aloud the Resolution No. 674, amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget for the Electric Utility Department to purchase equipment for construction and line repair. Joe Arts made a **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 674 and Dallas Carr seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCAVATOR:** Joe Arts made the Motion to approve the purchase of a Kubota Excavator for \$35,000 and Dallas Carr seconded the Motion. **Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** John Clogston requested the Council to make a statement regarding the contaminated material sitting in the Shop area. Dallas Carr replied; that it is still being investigated; but there was a diesel spill from a private party's machinery that was parked on City property. He assured Clogston that the proper steps have been taken for legal disposal. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Crystal Denton, Council President

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer