

**Troy Council Work Meeting  
Council Chambers  
August 14, 2014  
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Darren Coldwell, Council: Joe Arts, Dallas Carr, Kimberly Rowse; and Deputy Clerk Sandi Sullivan. Councilman Crystal Denton unexcused absent.

**GUESTS:** Paul Olson, Barbara Pence, Clint Taylor, Susie Taylor, John Clogston, and Fran McCully

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** John Clogston talked about a fire hydrant in the County yard that is not metered and costs the City money to pump water out of it. The County crew along with the State Highway contractors uses water out of it. He added that the City has an O'Brian Creek hydrant that doesn't cost anyone to pump, and they could be using that one instead. Coldwell stated that this has already been addressed by Public Work's Director, David Norman. Paul Olson asked what the linear footage is for City streets. Mayor Coldwell answered; about 61,000 feet.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS CONTRACT: Clint Taylor** – gave the highlights of changes to consider for the Northern Lights Contract. He stated that it should increase as the employee wages have increased. He stated his feelings that the O&M should be a mutual agreement not a contract and asked for it to be removed. He asked that they consider taking out the training on Hydros as it doesn't pertain to the current times now that there is no Administrative Assistant. Lastly he asked that the starting times fit the new schedule checking the Hydros around 8:00 am. Coldwell asked the Council to review it for the business meeting on August 20, 2014.

**SPRINKLING AND OILING:** Mayor asked for Council's input. Guest Paul Olson asked if the price per foot is figured down the middle of the streets or on the sides for property owners on both sides. Coldwell answered that it would depend on what street. Discussion followed. Coldwell stated that the 61,000 feet is measured on property ownership.

**AUDITOR CONTRACT:** Mayor Coldwell explained that the City has had the same auditor for a series of years and suggested looking for another. He asked for City Attorney, Heather McDougall's opinion. McDougall stated that it is always a good idea to put it out to contract for comparisons. Kimberly Rowse stated that it is typical to change auditors every third or fourth year. Discussion followed.

**MOBILE HOME VARIANCE:** Coldwell gave a brief summary of what was brought before by Wade Kidder. Coldwell thanked McDougall for preparing a written agreement for the variance. McDougall stated that if it came down to the point that the City has to move the Mobile, she would suggest hiring a Moving Company so the liability issues of damaged personal items would be on them and not the City. Rowse stated that she is apposed and feels that an ordinance is an Ordinance and is law. She doesn't want to keep making exceptions. Coldwell stated that it would

definitely be starting precedence. Rowse expressed that it would open the City up for more down the line. Dallas Carr stated his feelings that the variance is well written and protects the City by having it moved in the time given, but sees the problem with opening up for precedence. Discussion continued. Mayor Coldwell asked Council to think about it for a decision at the meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Fran McCully added that the City is based on policy and if you aren't going to follow a particular policy, get rid of it, that way you don't have to enforce it. Discussion followed.

**WATER UTILITY LOAN:** Mayor Coldwell gave a brief summary. He and Carr had a telephone conference with the State and the paperwork is almost complete and ready to sign. Rowse asked if the monthly payments were going to change. Coldwell answered yes, but to think about making the same payment and decreasing the length of the loan. McDougall asked about the sewer loan. Coldwell answered; that's next, but I don't think it will be so easy. McDougall asked for confirmation that there will be a vote on the loan changes. Coldwell assured her there would be.

**STUDY COMMISSION:** Coldwell explained that the City has to find an ex-officio. Coldwell advised that there has been little community interest and that Kimberly Rowse and Tracy Rebo have expressed some. Rowse committed to become the ex-officio. McCully asked; wasn't the deadline to file to be on the commission the 11<sup>th</sup>? How will you "elect" someone now? Coldwell advised that if nobody filled for the election, one has to be appointed. He referred McCully to Tammy Lauer. Coldwell will get the information to Rowse.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Fran McCully stated that there is a Budget Hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup>, the same time there is a County Budget Meeting in Troy. Coldwell said he wasn't aware and that the City would reschedule if possible. McCully asked for a copy of the Union Contract. Coldwell answered; yes. McCully asked for explanation of the crew's 4/10 schedule. Coldwell explained. McCully asked for it in writing. John Clogston stated that the schedule sounded reasonable as everything is covered. Discussion followed regarding the sidewalk projects in town.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Darren Coldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandi Sullivan, Deputy Clerk