

**Local Government Review
Study Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
January 23, 2015
2:00 pm**

Present: Commission: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Anthony Brown, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Ex-Officio, Kimberly Rowse-excused absent.

GUESTS: John Clogston, Joe Arts, and Justin Steck

Tracy Rebo gave council the information from the Local Government Center and they exchanged contact information.

BUDGET REVIEW: Rebo presented the Commission with the Revenues and Expenditures. She explained the expenditure spending up to date. Rebo advised that she did budget for Workers Compensation Insurance. Phil Fisher asked who would make an amendment if needed. Rebo advised that it is part of the City's budget so the City will be making the amendment. McCully had questions on the procedure. She asked Rebo if they will get a monthly update to the budget. Rebo replied that she can do that for them. McCully mentioned that they can apply for grants for more funding. Fisher had questions on the claim to The Western News, Rebo answered that it was advertising to fill the commission.

Rebo offered to make copies of everything that has come out of the budget thus far. Fisher stated that he would like that.

They reviewed the costs of training for Kimberly Rowse.

McCully asked Rebo what she expected as a procedure for expending requested funds. Rebo answered; if known ahead of time, a claim or per diem would need to be filed with the City requesting the funds. If needed before the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, the Mayor's approval would be needed on a check that would be available sooner and the claim would still go to the meeting. A claim for reimbursement can be filed as well.

Fisher asked the Commission if the budget was sufficient. Rebo asked them where they wanted the \$3000 added. It was explained that only \$7000 was originally put in because it was not known of the on goings at the time the City Budget was approved. The additional \$3000 remaining has been requested. Anthony Brown asked what would be expected to be spent. McCully gave examples.

Postage for newsletters and surveys was discussed. McCully suggested an email address for the public to make contact. Fisher stated the first one should be within a couple months.

It was the Commission's consensus to increase the budget in the areas of advertising, travel for training, and supplies for mailing.

Online information and email possibilities were discussed. Tracy Rebo will follow up with creating an email account that all Commissioners can access. She reminded them that

it is public information. Discussion took place regarding what would be in the first public mailings.

SCHEDULES: Fisher stated that he has no idea how this can be made for the year when nobody knows what their own schedules will be. McCully let be known she is not available the first week of February. She added that things can still be worked on as a quorum is two. Brown advised of his tentative available times. It was consensus for the next meetings to be held on Friday's at 2:00 p.m. for the following dates; February 13th, February 27th, March 13th, and March 27th. Posting will be done. A newsletter will tentatively be ready by April. Discussion regarding scheduling continued.

CHARTER REVIEW: Phil Fisher stated the date the Charter was established and read it aloud. Troy is self-governing. Discussion followed regarding: 2.06 terms of chairman, 3.03 the term *nominated*, 3.04.12 clarification, 3.06 define definition, either three fourths or two thirds, 5.01 Ordinance of departments, clarification for McCully, and 6.03 clarification on how many meetings Councilmen can miss.

John Clogston would like the Council to look into property owners that do not reside within the limits of Troy, having some say. McCully advised that it is the MCAs that limit that, but nobody can stop them from showing up and speaking at public meetings to voice their opinions. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: Anthony Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 pm, Fran McCully seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Phillip Fisher, Chair

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer