

**Local Government Review
Study Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
February 27, 2015
2:00 pm**

Present: Commission: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Anthony Brown, and Deputy City Clerk Sandi Sullivan. Ex-Officio, Kimberly Rowse- absent.

GUESTS: John Clogston, Joe Arts, and Jerry Strong

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Phil Fisher, Chair, explained there is no set time for the public to comment. They are allowed to comment at any time.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2015 and January 23, 2015 was made by Fran McCully, second by Anthony Brown. Motion Carried.

EXPENDITURES: Question regarding budget reports and asked Sandi Sullivan if there was any paperwork from City Clerk. Nothing at this time. Discussion held regarding the budget and monies spent before the committee was established. Mayor Darren Coldwell came into the meeting to explain the budget requirements from them. Discussion. Mayor Darren Coldwell left meeting after five minutes. Discussion continued on possibly having a special meeting to get per diem approved for the trip to Pinesdale, Montana on March 16, 2015, since the Council doesn't meet until the 18th. Motion to table expenditures until the March 13th, 2015 meeting was made by Fran McCully, second by Phil Fisher. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

TRIPS FOR OBSERVING DIFFERENT FORM OF GOVERNMENTS: Phil Fisher said this is something that needs to be done.

REQUIRED SCHEDULE AND TENTATIVE DATE TO BE PUBLISHED: Reviewed the tentative schedule that was sent out by the Local Government Center. Fisher would like to establish a regular scheduled meeting for each month, with possibly more meetings. Tony Brown requested that Fisher do that and present it to the committee. Discussion on dates, days, and times. Fisher will work on that and bring back.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER: Fran McCully asked if they had looked at Thompson Falls on how they got the public comments.

SURVEY ON KNOWLEDGE AND OPINIONS ABOUT EXISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Phil Fisher stated that he has asked for help from an outside source to research the information put into the survey together. McCully explained why the survey is required and expressed that if the audience has any opinions to submit them to the committee. Fisher stated that the information to be put into the newsletter will help inform the citizens to know what it going on. Would like to include the five different forms of government along with the survey. Discussion held on what the committee's responsibilities are and their job is. Discussion on the trip to Pinesdale.

CONVERSATION WITH THE MONTANA GOVERNMENT CENTER: Fisher had a good discussion with the Local Government Center. There are a few things regarding the City's involvement and what part they take in this process. Fisher said they will be posting their own meetings, make sure that they are sent in to the City ahead of time to be sure they know. They will do their own minutes. We are a separate entity and we are not part of the City government. Brown stated that the issue of who pays for the Clerk if the meeting is after five o'clock. Fisher stated that it also could be considered in kind service and would come out of the budget for anything that the City does. Fisher explained that \$10,000 doesn't go far especially when the training for Rowse was close to \$900, that only gives us \$9,000 left, budget will need to be watched very carefully. John Clogston questions what the ex-officio had to do with the committee. Fisher explained she is a liaison to the City she is the go between the City and the Committee. Fisher stated that the assistance that they receive from the City is the assistance that the committee request. The City does not have to be at the meeting the only thing that the City is to provide is a meeting room and anything that the committee requests.

ADJOURN: Anthony Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 pm, Phil Fisher seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Phillip Fisher, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandi Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer