

**Troy Council Work Meeting  
Council Chambers  
June 10, 2015  
6:30 pm**

Present: Mayor Darren Coldwell, Council: Crystal Denton, Kimberly Rowse, Joe Arts, Dallas Carr and; City Clerk Tracy Rebo.

**GUESTS:** Ron Rebo, Clint Taylor, and Lisa Oedewaldt-Lincoln County Planning/EMA, Brennen Rupp – The Western News

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**FLAT IRON SUBDIVISION:** Lisa Oedewaldt- Oedewaldt explained that Flat Iron Subdivision. Discussion was held on Iron Creek Road, and that this road will remain a county road. Mayor Coldwell asked for an update from Power Manager Clint Taylor, the line should be ready to generate next week. Water and sewer services for the subdivision were also discussed. Mayor Coldwell will have it on the next meeting agenda for approval.

**BPA RATE INCREASE:** Clint Taylor-Mayor Coldwell gave a brief background of the Electric Utility. He explained that the residential customers of Troy electric haven't received any KWH increases in seven years. After analyzing the increased rates that the company has absorbed and the projected increases, Coldwell advised some kind of an increase, as little as it might be, to be able to operate. Taylor prepared a comparison worksheet for the Council. Taylor and Coldwell's recommendation is a \$1.00 increase for the basic monthly charge and about a half of cent per KWH. Discussion was held on the rate increases and the operating cash going down. It was explained to council how the rates for the City were so low until 2011 when the Hungry Horse Dam contract had expired. Taylor explained that with a KWH increase, some customers may try to conserve energy by making changes at home versus a monthly rate increase only. Rowse had questions concerning the reserves. It was explained that reserves in this sense is an operating account, not a savings account. There was discussion on the process of advertising and public hearings.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM:** Taylor explained the amendment to the contract for the Energy Efficient program. BPA will be putting more money into the program this year. Coldwell stated that this was a good thing. Taylor added that even though BPA lowered the amount of the rebates, we are still seeing them come in.

**DISPATCH BOARD VACANCY:** Taylor is on the Dispatch Board and let it be known that Crystal Denton will not be running this year. He announced that there is a need to fill the vacant positions on the Dispatch Board starting July 1, 2015. One is a City position and one is a County position.

**MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE:** Addition to the original Ordinance. This pertains to campers, fifth wheels, and other recreational vehicles. They will be allowed on private lots if they are owned by the land owner. Kimberly Rowse expressed her confusion on

two parts of the written recommended changes. Coldwell will follow up with the City Attorney to make it clearer. He asked for any other recommendations from the Council to be given to him by Friday.

**DRUG POLICY:** Mayor Coldwell feels that there is too much random testing which is not necessary. It is suggested not to renew the contract with T.R. Lane and Associates. He still would like to continue testing new hires, CDL, Police Department, accidents, and random testing if the need presents itself. Discussion followed and it was council's consensus to agree with the Mayor.

**BRADLEY EVANS CONSULTING:** The Mayor stated that there was nothing to report on this as of yet.

**CITY OF TROY MISSION STATEMENT:** Mayor Coldwell explained what it is and the need for adoption for the employees, mayor, and council. He requested all to read and give feedback.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ron Rebo asked if the City has talked to other cities to see what they do regarding drug testing. Discussion followed. Crystal Denton mentioned Red Wood Toxicology for drug testing supplies. Denton stated that she felt elected officials should also be tested.

Update on the Pine Tree Plaza: There has been progress on it since last month. It is in the hands of the County Attorney.

There was discussion on the status of collection for utilities.

Kimberly Rowse requested an update on the painting of the Museum, the update is the Museum board received two bid, the board plans on opening them at their next board meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Darren Coldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer