

**City of Troy  
City Council Work Meeting  
Council Chambers  
301 E Kootenai Avenue  
January 9, 2023  
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Mayor Charles Ekstedt, Council: Crystal Denton, Shawna Kelsey, TJ Boswell, and JP Downey, and Deputy City Clerk Chera Cole

**GUESTS:** David Norman, Sharee Miller, Philip Cole, Clay Campbell, Heather Todd, Dennis Dupuis, Katie Davis, and Ward Davis

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT - Sharee Miller and Heather Todd:** The Troy Library & Opportunity Center (TLOC) has found a grant through Montana DOT that could help in paying for new sidewalks to connect the schools, TLOC, City Hall, the parks and walking path. TLOC is willing to write the grant and wants to know if the City would like to be a partner with them. The deadline is April 12, 2023. There is a cash match required of 13.42% and it cannot be in-kind donations. TJ Boswell asked how large the scope of the project is. Todd and Miller said it has not yet been determined. They are looking for an engineering firm to assist, the council provided the name of the City's.

**BPA REBATE POLICY UPDATE:** Electric Utility Manager Clay Campbell presented a draft policy for the energy efficiency funds rebates through BPA. The two ideas presented were to break down the pot of funds by percentage of accounts or percentage of kilowatt usage by each category. He said he would like to see \$5,000 available for those categories that would otherwise have a minimal amount allotted to them according to the policy. This gives even the smallest categories funds for rebates and still leaves enough for the largest which is residential. Crystal Denton asked what those percentages would be in dollars. Campbell said he was waiting for the actual dollar amounts from the representative with BPA. Shawna Kelsey requested the actual kilowatt hours for each category be emailed to the council instead of the percentages presented in the draft policy.

**EU TOOL/FLATBED TRUCK:** Clay Campbell would like to purchase a new tool truck. The truck they currently are using is nineteen years old. It has a crane and a plow on it. He would like to keep it because the crane is handy for public works. He has room in his budget for a new truck. Orders need to be placed soon; actual vehicles are eight to twelve months out. Boswell requested he get more quotes for plows and flatbeds to put on the truck and update the current bids for the truck to make them identical.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOB OPENING:** Mayor Ekstedt asked Public Works Operator Ward Davis if he would like to go into closed session for the discussion, Davis declined. Public Works Director, David Norman, is retiring January 27, 2023. The position was opened in house, as per City policy, and Davis is the only employee to express interest. Norman spoke regarding Davis's qualifications in filling the Director position. Kelsey said she would like to see a résumé from Davis showing his skills and certifications. Crystal Denton asked about the CDL requirement. Norman explained that he had removed that requirement for the city service workers because it really was not necessary, the city has just one vehicle that requires a CDL and it is rarely used. Discussion was held on the position description and the need to update to

reflect current requirement. A special meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm via Zoom to accept the appointment of Ward Davis for Public Works Director for the City of Troy.

**RPA AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR 2022 WATER PROJECT:** Mayor Ekstedt reported these were not extra costs, as previously thought. They were included in the original bid. City Clerk Tracy Rebo went through the documents again and found this information that is in council packets. Norman said we increased the scope of the contract when asked TCI to connect to the school's water line. They needed extra asphalt for the road when their plan for horizontal drilling didn't work. Boswell asked if there were funds to cover the expenses. Norman said that TCI was also going to replace a section of the water main on 2<sup>nd</sup> street due to the new Town Pump needing to install a fire suppression system and they were going to install two new storm drains at that time as well. Boswell asked if that change was done by contract. Norman stated that they have a quote from Levi Thompson, not a contract. Quotes were requested to be sent to council by email.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chief Katie Davis has received bids for the new patrol vehicle and a quote to build the vehicle. She would prefer an F150 for our tallest officer to fit comfortably in. There is an opportunity to get one from Livingston, she would need to proceed ASAP. She asked to be added to the agenda for Thursday's special meeting.

Mayor Ekstedt hired David Jones as the new building inspector. He has a wealth of experience and good references. He started last week.

Mayor Ekstedt reported on the public meeting for Troy Area Dispatch last week. City Attorney Clif Hayden has verified that the residents would have to vote to dissolve Dispatch. TAD board has stated there is no reason to pursue dissolving at this time, the staffing issue has been solved.

MMIA will provide a training February 7<sup>th</sup> that is mandatory for all employees. All members of council are encouraged to attend.

Chief Davis reported she has an officer that will be out for two to four weeks but their schedule is covered.

Mayor Ekstedt told the council about a complaint from a businessman regarding the City's charges for sewer. Discussion was held, the council is fine with the way it stands.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 PM**

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Charles Ekstedt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer