

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TROY CITY COUNCIL ROOM
August 21, 2023
7:00 PM**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Charles Ekstedt, Council – TJ Boswell, Shawna Kelsey, Dallas Carr, and Jamie Shupe, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo

GUESTS: Katie Davis, Laramie Davis, Tish Burris, Brian Simmons, Blair Shupe, Angie McKnight, Jerry McKnight, Michael Love, Glen Long, Chera Cole, Philip Cole, Michael Miller, DJ Savage, Bryan Alkire

PUBLIC COMMENTS – On matters on the agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE: BEAR Chimney Sweep LLC – Chimney Sweep, owner is Logan Silverman, located in Eureka, Montana. Silverman is not able to make it to the meeting but has spoken with Mayor and explained his business. **Motion** to approve the new business license for Chimney Sweep LLC was made by Jamie Shupe, second by TJ Boswell. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE: Jerry’s Handyman Services – Handyman, owner is Jerry McKnight, located at 423 Riverside Avenue, Troy, Montana. Mr. McKnight gave a brief description of his business. **Motion** to approve the new business license for Jerry’s Handyman Services was made by TJ Boswell, second by Shawna Kelsey. **Motion Carried.**

CLAIMS: Claims were reviewed. No questions or comments. **Motion** to approve the claims in the amount of \$489,683.55 was made by Dallas Carr, second by TJ Boswell. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES: **Motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 20, 2023, was made by Jamie Shupe, second by Shawna Kelsey. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** to approve the minutes of the City Council Work Meeting of July 3, 2023, was made by Shawna Kelsey, second by Dallas Carr. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** to approve the minutes of the City Council Budget Meeting of July 17, 2023, was made by TJ Boswell, second by Shawna Kelsey. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 17, 2023, was made by Jamie Shupe, second by Dallas Carr. **Motion Carried.**

LINCOLN COUNTY – KATHI HOOPER: Update on Green Dumpsters: Brian Alkire was here to speak for Kathi Hooper, the county has hired two more employees to open and close the green dumpsters, but will not be able to open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Discussion was held on the options of having it open and closed. Will need help with someone opening and closing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Discussion on options to have people open it, maybe see if the county road crew can do it.

TISH BURRIS & BRIAN SIMMONS: Traffic on Riverside Avenue: Michael Love spoke regarding the speed around the park, people speeding off the bridge and a lot of people just going through the stop sign. DJ Savage feels that as soon as you cross the railroad

tracks it should be 15 miles an hour. On Riverside Avenue and Mill Road. Speed bumps would also be a great addition to slowing the drivers down. Discussion of placing a walking path on Riverside Avenue. Discussion held on some different options of what can be done. Michael Love turned in a petition asking speed bumps to be installed signed by twenty or so people.

OPEN BIDS AND APPROVE SALE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Received one bid for the bucket truck \$7,651.00 from Chris Freese. **Motion** to approve the bid of \$7,651.00 from Chris Freese was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

RPA -TASK ORDER #3 AND TASK ORDER #4: Wastewater Project Approval: Motion to approve task order #3 and Task Order #4 for the Wastewater Project was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

RPA Task Orders #5 and Task Order #6 Water Project Approval: Motion to approve Task Order #5 and Task Order #6 for the Water Project was made by , second by . **Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-832 – Approve various surplus items for disposal: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-832 disposing of various surplus items was made by , second by . **Motion Carried.**

SHAWNA KELSEY - Approve Letter of Support for Falls Creek Project: Motion approve the Letter of Support for the Falls Creek Project was made by , second by . **Motion Carried.**

Old Business

WATER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER - Approve TCI Pay Request: Motion to approve the change order and pay request from TCI for the 2022 water project was made by , second by . **Motion Carried.**

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT WITH TROY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Motion to approve the Encroachment Permit with Troy Public Schools was made by , second by . **Motion Carried.**

Department Reports: Mayor, Council, Department Heads- Chief of Police Katie Davis gave update on her department, would like to go to the training of the safety seat install training is in Kalispell. This would be great training and would like to have a fireman go too to have two certified installers in town. Cars are doing ok, getting maintenance done. Need to get new radios due to having to go to Libby to get, maybe around \$30,000.

Public Comments – On matters not on the agenda: Officer Mike Miller had gotten a call Saturday night after 11:00 pm, From Kim Tubbs regarding the music at Silver Spur. She had called and asked them to turn the music down before calling Officer Miller. Officer Miller had to go to the spur and requested they shut it down. They finally shut it down about twenty minutes later. TJ Boswell would like to see a citation be done. Mayor Ekstedt is in agreement with issuing the citation.

Blair Shupe from the Troy Volunteer Fire Department wanted Mayor and Council do know they have decided to apply for the Rural Development grant to help with purchase all new radios. They have an anonymous donor who is willing to help with the 25% of the purchase. At the end of the year the fire department will be applying for the FEMA Grant for new turnout gear. Some of the gear is eighteen years old and really need to be replaced. City Clerk Rebo informed everyone that she requested \$7500 grant from the Town Pump Grant Program to help out with purchasing two new turnout gears.

Dallas Carr would like to discuss hiring somebody for temporary help, three days a week. Was up at the cemetery with Public Works Director and we noticed the gophers had taken over. There are a lot of headstones that need cleaned off. Would like to see if the water line can get extended down to some of the old section so that the stones could be pressured washed. Would like to get the Cemetery Committee back together. Rebo informed Carr the data entry into the Cemetery software is coming along, just a long process to put so many people in. Discussion was held on policy for the Cemetery.

Council Jamie Shupe would like to know if they can have the Youth Foundation Halloween walk at Roosevelt Park. Discussion was held on event insurance through MMIA. No one seemed to have a problem with the group using the park.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. Motion Carried.

Charles Ekstedt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer