

**Troy City Council
City Council Work Meeting
January 12, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Charles Ekstedt, Council – TJ Boswell, Shawna Kelsey, and JP Downey, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Council member Crystal Denton absent.

GUESTS: Maggie Anderson, Katie Davis, Henry Roy, and John Clogston

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Maggie Anderson would like to extend an invitation to everyone to participate in the Troy Library Opportunity Center (TLOC) workshop. It will be at the library here in town. Dinner will be served. Will be learning how to support, encourage and empower our children. John Clogston wanted mayor and council to know about the fire hydrant at the end of Yaak Avenue, it has a small leak in it, and the fire hydrant across the highway next to Bargo's is sinking and it barely visible. Mayor Ekstedt told him he would check it out and get back to him.

STIP RESOLUTION: Change of delegates. STIP requires the city to pass a resolution when ever there is a change in administration. Resolution will be on next weeks agenda.

OPEN CUT MINING PERMIT – Monitoring requirements: When the City received the permit for the gravel pit there were a few requirements from the DEQ. This was a Storm Water Prevention Plan and an Air Monitoring Sampling Plan. It was suggested that the SWPP could be done by KLJ, and the city would go out for bids for the Ambient Air Monitoring Plan.

ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICY: The City attorney is currently working on the policy. Some verbiage was added stating that the utility accounts will remain in the name of the property owners unless tenants sign up for ACH. This would guarantee payment every month and the landlord would not be getting notices of the accounts being in arrears. The current ACH rule states that if there are two NSF's on the account then the tenant is not able to participate. Then at this point the account would default back to the property owner.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: This will be on next weeks agenda. The City is proclaiming that April 29, 2022 would be Arbor Day.

COMPUTER PROGRAM – UTILITY SERVICE LINES – PURCHASE?: Mayor Ekstedt explained that the electric utility manager Clay Campbell would like to purchase the mapping computer system but wasn't sure if it had been ok'd by council to pursue it. Council TJ Boswell remember that it was ok'd at the budget meeting. Mayor Ekstedt will inform Mr. Campbell that it was budgeted for.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Ekstedt explained the President of council will need to be voted on next week. He knows that the current president would still like to do it. Council Member Shawna Kelsey stated she would be interested stepping in.

SRO UPDATE: Chief Katie Davis updated the Mayor and Council on the School Resource Officer. Sergeant Henry Roy is currently the officer for the SRO program. Roy explained his duties, stating everything is going well. He is going to be starting the Cadet Program for students, the program has been backed by the school and will be for 7th to 12th graders. Went to SRO training in Kalispell. Very good information was brought back. Mayor Ekstedt stated he had a meeting with the school and they stated they were happy with the SRO program. Mr. Boswell asked if there was a policy being put together. Chief Davis spoke with Mr. Francom and stated that it is being worked on. Roy also stated that he will be “Bully Certified” in August, 2022 which the school is providing all training for.

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE: Mayor Ekstedt asked Council if they would like to pursue an ordinance that would help with plowing snow in the winter. There are currently a lot of vehicles in the way and it is very hard for public works to plow around them. Ekstedt would like to put a committee together to help with putting the rules together. Consensus of council said they would like to pursue it.

GRANTS UPDATE: Shawna Kelsey explained the Recreation Planning survey is out. CTAP – Currently working on the growth plan. Tourism Grant for Peddlers Park must be completed by June 1, 2022. Brian Cox will be doing the masonry work, Jeff out of Libby will be doing the plumbing, and Jones electric will be doing the electrical work. The city shop will be doing all the interior work. Will know about the LWCF Grant by April 15, 2022. Once that grant has been approved the city will have three years to complete the project. Power line needs installed soon at the museum; signs put up regarding loitering in the park. Discussion was held on the rules for camping at Peddlers Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Charles Ekstedt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer