

**Troy City Council  
City Council Meeting  
September 18, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council President Shawna Kelsey presiding, Council-Dallas Carr, Jamie Shupe, and TJ Boswell Via Zoom, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo. Mayor Charles Ekstedt – Excused absence.

**GUESTS:** Clay Campbell, Ward Davis, Katie Davis, Laramie Davis, Dennis Dupuis, Robert Henson, Blair Shupe, Stacy Cowan, Kevin Schrader, Clint Taylor, Betty Sikes, Brian Baxter, Ben VanEtten, Liz VanEtten, Shelby Davis, Cragar Davis, and Keeler Valentine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Shawna Kelsey

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-On any agenda item:** None.

**New Business:**

**CONSENT AGENDA: Motion** to approve the consent agenda including the payment of Claims for September 18, 2023 in the amount of \$143,941.12, Cancelled Check #23844-Check was written for \$97,798.75 should have been \$96,820.76-Check was written to TCI for the water project, Minutes of September 5, 2023 City Council Work Meeting, Minutes of August 28, 2023 FY2024 Preliminary Budget Hearing, Minutes of August 28, 2023 FY2024 Final Budget Approval, Minutes of August 21, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting, Minutes of August 14, 2023 City Council Budget Meeting, Minutes of August 14, 2023 Special City Council Meeting, Minutes of August 7, 2023 Special City Council Meeting #3, Minutes of August 7, 2023 Special City Council Meeting #2, Minutes of August 7, 2023 Special City Council Meeting #1 was made Jamie Shupe, by second by TJ Boswell. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:** Cowan Inc – Metal Fabrication and Handyman Work. The owner is Stacy Cowan, located at 1405 E Missoula Ave, Troy. Mr. Cowan gave a brief description of his business. **Motion** to approve the new business license for Cowan Inc. was made by Dallas Carr, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:** Kootenai River Handyman Services – Handyman. The owner is Kevin Schrader, located at 275 Riverside Ave, Troy. Mr. Schrader gave a brief description of his business and background. **Motion** to approve the new business license for Kootenai River Handyman Services was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

**OPENING OF BIDS RECEIVED-for Electric and Public Works Surplus Items:** The City received one bid for the 1996 1-ton plow truck in the amount of \$1001.00 from Lloyd Cooper (double check this). The minimum was \$3,500 so the bid is not accepted. There were two bids for the 77 Dump truck – Matt Backen \$3,500, Frank Fifield – \$5,500. **Motion** to approve the bid from Frank Fifield in the amount of \$5,500 was made by Dallas Carr, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.** One bid was received for

the sprinkler flower was received by Marcey Altaman in the amount of \$45.00. **Motion** to approve the bid for the flower in the amount of \$45.00 was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVE CHANGES TO BANNER POLICY:** Clay Campbell – Manager of Electric Utility explained the changes to the banner policy. The sizes, shapes, and length of time to have the banners picked up from the city hall, has been changed, also a fee of \$25.00 to put the banner up. Shawna would like to have a Facebook post regarding the policy. **Motion** to approve the changes to the Banner Policy was made by Jamie Shupe, second by TJ Boswell. **Motion Carried**

**OVERDOSE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION:** **Motion** to approve the Proclamation recognizing August as Overdose Awareness month was made by Dallas Carr, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF BULK WATER STATION SOFTWARE PROGRAM:** This software program will be installed at Well #2 to help with keeping track of actual water usage. The program will be approximately \$3,700 to get it started. Will have councilman TJ Boswell order the equipment. **Motion** to approve the purchase of the Software Program for the bulk water sales was made by TJ Boswell, second by Jamie Shupe. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE INTERNET FOR PARKHOST AND CAMERA SYSTEM AT ROOSEVELT PARK LIFT STATION:** This is good to put at the lift station for security and to help watch the park and roadway. **Motion** to approve the internet at the park host and lift station location was made by Jamie Shupe, second by Dallas Carr. **Motion Carried.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**REVIEW WATER/RATES – Discuss overage rate for water:** City clerk presented council with the requested information they had discussed at the last meeting. An increase of 5% for both water and sewer. An increase in a hookup fee for the sewer was discussed along with the additional fee for the extra water consumption after the allowed amount. Shawna likes going for the \$2,000 tap fee. Discussion was held regarding the procedure of hooking up water and sewer. It was finally decided to go with \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water over the allowed amount and \$2,000 for the sewer tap fee.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Mayor, Council, Department Heads: Chief Davis – would like to get the radios ordered. Also get the school striping done at the school. Would like to close the highway to the entrance of the museum on St. Regis haul road during the farmer's market. Very congested. And can be a safety issue. Power manager Clay Campbell would like to be able to purchase the truck that was bid on in January the truck was cancelled and will need to order the 2024 truck cost will be \$2,000 more than the original bid due to not being able to qualify for the discount. Shawna stated it looks good to her. TJ and Jamie are ok with it too.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Betty Sikes has a complaint regarding a messy house in her neighborhood, at the 500 block of mineral avenue. Chief Davis explained that the situation is an ongoing problem and will contact the city attorney tomorrow regarding it. He was cleaning it and now had

stopped. It needs to go back to the court. Discussion was held on other situations in the area too regarding clean ups of property.

TJ wanted to know when the water lines will be blown out and would like to discuss with Public Works Director Ward Davis how to winterize the splash pad. Question regarding purchasing a credit card system for the showers at Pedalers Park.

TVFD Blair Shupe will be finishing the hydrant test will be finished this week, two hydrants will need to be changed out. One at the end of Yaak Avenue and the one at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Dent Avenue.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Dallas Carr, second by Jamie Shupe.  
**Motion Carried.**

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Charles Ekstedt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer