

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Winters presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – James Parker Shield - Native American Local Government Commission

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Michael Winters, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow, Mary Jolley and Bob Jones. Also present were the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Chief Prosecutor, Directors of Fiscal Services, Library, Park and Recreation, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the City Clerk.

PRESENTATION: Smith River Homemakers Club – 80 Years of Service

**** Action Minutes of the Great Falls City Commission. Please refer to the audio recording of this meeting for additional detail. ****

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Judy Tankink, NC 4, encouraged attendance at Neighborhood Council meetings.

Karen Grove, NC 8, reported that the ice cream social was well attended despite the weather.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

2. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) BUDGET AND WORK PLAN.

Executive Assistant to the BID Board Joan Redeen reported that a couple of items were added to the work plan, and the budget has increased. She inquired if the Commissioners had any questions regarding the 2011/2012 BID budget and work plan.

In response to Commissioner Bronson, Ms. Redeen explained that the \$11,000 tax increment financing (TIF) funds listed in the budget was the amount left from a \$50,000 TIF that sunset in 2009.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission set the public hearing for the 2011/2012 Business Improvement District budget and work plan for August 2, 2011.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any additional discussion amongst the Commissioners or inquiries from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

3. TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TBID) BUDGET AND WORK PLAN.

Administrative and Marketing Director Karen Venetz and Chairman Bob Dompier of the TBID reported that budget increased \$40,000, which means that 40,000 more rooms were rented than the year before. The TBID's overall purpose is to utilize tax dollars through the TBID assessment and direct those monies for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, trade shows and travel to the City of Great Falls. Mr. Dompier discussed some of the year's accomplishments, which included funds for the purchase of mats to host wrestling tournaments, funds to build locker rooms at the Ice Plex, a donation of funds to keep the Pro Rodeo event in Great Falls, and a donation of funds to obtain low cost airlines in Great Falls. Ms. Venetz discussed the tourism partners that the TBID works closely with, and that the emphasis this year is to retain and recruit new conventions to Great Falls.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission set the public hearing for the 2011/2012 Tourism Business Improvement District budget and work plan for August 2, 2011.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or inquiries from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, member of the Police Department Citizens' Academy, reported that \$34,000 of the \$36,000 needed has been raised for the Great Falls Police Department K-9 cops. She thanked the citizens of Great Falls for supporting this project in record time.

Cleve Loney, Representative of House District 25, 93 Brandy Wine Lane, commented that he is working on another project to raise funds for an abuse center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. ORDINANCE 3079, REPEALING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 020, OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF), REGARDING SKATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Park and Recreation Deputy Director Patty Rearden reported that the action requested is to conduct a public hearing and adopt Ordinance 3079 that would repeal Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 020 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF), pertaining to skate park rules and regulations. The rules prohibited bicycles and made helmet and footwear use mandatory. Since the opening of the Riverside Railyard Skate Park there has been a growing movement to allow bicyclists access to the skate park. Staff conducted several meetings with skate park users, parents, other interested parties and the City Commission regarding the skate park rules.

The new rules have been reviewed by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the City Attorney,

MMIA, and the Great Falls Police Department, who have voiced their support for the Skate Park rule changes.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in opposition to Ordinance 3079.

Speaking in support of Ordinance 3079 were:

Daniel Dust, 1401 5th Avenue South, discussed the importance of helmet use to save lives.

Bryan Thies, 4220 Clark Avenue, thanked the Commission for allowing this process to move forward and for valuing the youth.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Jolley moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3079 repealing Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 020, of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. RESOLUTION 9933, TO ESTABLISH NEW PERMIT FEES.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that this is a request to conduct a public hearing to consider a new fee schedule for building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, sign and other miscellaneous permits.

The two options are for the new fee schedule to take effect August 1, 2011; or, for half the fee increase to take effect August 1, 2011, and the new fee schedule to take effect on February 1, 2012, with the General Fund subsidizing the estimated difference to the Building Fund of \$56,000 to avoid a negative fund balance.

Mr. Haynes reviewed and discussed PowerPoint slides regarding some of the issues relating to the building fund.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 9933 were:

John Harding, 1201 Alpine Drive, representing the Home Builders Association, discussed the significant decrease in housing construction, the economy, and that the fees will be passed on to consumers. He reviewed the fund history and found it disturbing that \$525,000 was spent from reserves within two years. Mr. Harding encouraged the Commission to look at expenses versus

income. The Association doesn't believe that \$56,000 needs to be infused from the general fund. The Association is willing to accept Option B if other solutions are not found. He further suggested that the proposed 2.5% annual increase not be automatic and instead be looked at on a yearly basis instead.

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, discussed the number of permits issued and values for the prior year and inquired what current numbers were.

Mr. Haynes responded that the number of building permits has increased because the average valuation of a building permit has decreased. In this economic environment, people are doing smaller projects. Staff is issuing more permits and doing more inspection than they have in the past.

Daniel Dust, 1401 5th Avenue South, sign business owner, opined that half the signs in town go up without permits. He compared the \$50 fine versus paying the inspection fee.

Jack Beckman, 301 Skyline Drive NE, owner and manager of House Doctors, provided a letter in response to a recent *Tribune* article concerning permits. He believes the permit system is broken in that a permit is required for almost everything in construction. Mr. Beckman opined that there needs to be a larger staff with less qualification to administer more permits that plan review requires for maintenance and safety. He challenged the Commission to change the process.

Charles Henry, 3920 17th Avenue South, rental building owner, commented that he knows of a dozen rental buildings that do not have smoke detectors that should be inspected and would provide revenue for the Department. Safety should be paramount.

Mike Witsoe, 510 11th Street South, spoke in opposition to raising fees during a recession.

Katie Hanning, 3217 4th Avenue North, commented that the builders will pass the fee increase on to customers; it may stop someone from building a home that will affect painters, supply companies and businesses.

John Paul, 2704 4th Avenue North, owner of Advanced Fire Systems, commented that the fees are in line with other cities he does business with. These other cities seem to be able to charge that amount and balance their budgets. If fees are increased people will choose to build in other cities.

Spencer Woith, 1725 41st Street South, concurred with Mr. Harding's comments. He understands there needs to be an increase in fees, but the expenses need to be looked at. He supports Option B with the fees being looked at again in February.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, prefers Option A. He doesn't think the taxpayers, using the general fund, should contribute \$56,000 for permits.

No one spoke in support of Resolution 9933.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Jolley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission

adopt Resolution 9933-Option A for new permit fees.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jolley commented this is an enterprise fund. The general fund is not for this purpose.

Commissioner Jones concurred with Commissioner Jolley's comment regarding taking monies from the general fund.

Commissioner Bronson commented that he can't support Option A. He encouraged the Home Building Association to continue to work with City staff to come up with solutions.

Commissioner Burow supports Option B, but doesn't support taking money out of the general fund to support an enterprise fund.

Motion failed 1-4.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 9933-Option B for new permit fees, with the proviso that no general fund monies be infused in the fund.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

In response to Commissioner Jolley, Commissioner Bronson commented that, by adopting Option B with this proviso, the Commission is agreeing to take a continuing look at this in February.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. RESOLUTION 9930, INTENT TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAX.

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that prior to the adoption of the City's annual budget, the City is required to hold public hearings on the intent to budget an increase in revenue from property taxation, and the proposed annual budget. The purpose of this hearing is to have public discussion on the Commission's intent to increase property tax.

The City of Great Falls has a limited ability to increase property tax revenue. Pursuant to § 15-10-420, MCA, the City is authorized to increase property tax revenue by "one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior three years." In Fiscal Year 2011 (tax year 2010), the Commission did not exercise its ability to increase taxes by 1.14% which would have generated an additional amount of \$128,775 in revenues for the General Fund. The Montana Department of Administration has determined that the allowable inflationary adjustment for Fiscal Year 2012 (tax year 2011) is .72%. The factor, if utilized, would generate an additional \$85,345 of revenue for the General Fund. Therefore, the Commission has the ability to increase property taxes by 1.86% generating an additional \$214,120 in General Fund revenues. Mr. Doyon did not recommend utilizing the inflationary factor.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 9930 were:

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, **Charles Henry**, 3920 17th Avenue South, and **Daniel Dust**, 1401 5th Avenue South, spoke in opposition citing the recession and government imposing too many taxes on the people who are already doing more with less.

No one spoke in support of Resolution 9930.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission deny Resolution 9930 – Intent to Increase Property Tax.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jolley commented that this would have helped if anything would have been added to the budget.

Commissioner Bronson noted that the Commission is constrained at the state level how much can be raised in property taxes. Any increase would have been relatively paltry.

Commissioner Jolley inquired if this could be done anytime during the year.

Fiscal Services Director Melissa Kinzler responded that it has to be done now to set the mill levy.

Mayor Winters also noted he couldn't support an increase due to the national economy and people on fixed incomes.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. RESOLUTION 9931, ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION.

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that prior to the adoption of the City's annual budget, the City is required to hold public hearings on the intent to budget an increase in revenue from property taxation, and the proposed annual budget. The City began its Fiscal Year 2012 budget process on January 24, 2011, with a goal setting retreat. During the retreat, the Commission outlined its priorities, including budget concerns for the year. On April 5, 2011, the Commission was presented a revenue forecast for Fiscal Year 2012. City departments submitted their requests to the City Manager on May 18, 26, and June 2, 6, 2011. The department requests created a shortfall in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. After consulting with the departments about their requests, Mr. Doyon drafted a budget that was balanced without an inflationary factor for the City Commission. The proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget was presented to the City Commission on June 28, 2011. Additionally, Commission Budget Work Sessions were held July 5 and 19, 2011, to address specific concerns and questions on the City Manager's proposed budget. Mr. Doyon reviewed PowerPoint slides with regard to his recommendations.

Once the budget is transmitted from the City Manager to the City Commission it becomes their budget. The City Commission can make any adjustments to the budget as it sees fit to reflect its

own policy position. State law requires that the City adopt a Fiscal Year 2012 Budget on or before the 2nd Monday in August or 45 days after receiving taxable valuation from the Montana Department of Revenue, but Section 7-6-4036 requires the mill levy to be fixed within 30 calendar days after receiving certified taxable values from the Montana Department of Revenue.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 9931 were:

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, referenced several pages of the budget he was not pleased with.

Scott Patera, 712 43rd Street North, asked the Commission to reconsider the amount cut from the budget for the Great Falls Development Authority.

Speaking in support of Resolution 9931 was:

John Juras, 220 Woodland Estates, in light of \$5,000 being cut for the River's Edge Trail, Mr. Juras encouraged the Commission to consider sponsoring a grant application to help develop a maintenance plan to update current conditions.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Jolley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 9931.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bronson thanked the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and Department Heads, including Budget Officer Melissa Kinzler, for putting the budget together. He also noted that other allocations directly or indirectly support economic development.

Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Winters called for a short recess, and reconvened the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

9. **RESOLUTION 9932, MODIFY THE MOTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 9932 AUTHORIZING THE UPDATED RATE COMPONENT FOR ELECTRIC CITY POWER (ECP) CUSTOMERS.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, this action is necessary to modify a previously adopted motion. At its July 5, 2011, meeting, the City Commission passed a motion setting a public hearing for August 2, 2011, on Resolution 9932 authorizing the rate component portion for ECP customers effective for services received as of July 1, 2011. At the ECP Board meeting on July 11, 2011, the Commission, in its capacity as the ECP

Board, requested additional information regarding the proposed rate schedule. The Board also found that a section of the proposed rate schedule did not include desired language relating to ECP customer charges. Mr. Doyon read the portion of the ECP rate sheet that had been updated, and requested that the City Commission modify the motion made on July 5, 2011, to reflect the updated rate schedule that has already been scheduled for public hearing on August 2, 2011.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission modify the Motion made on July 5, 2011, that set a public hearing for August 2, 2011, on Resolution 9932 and authorize the updated rate component portion with an amendment to insert the words “transmission charge” to the first paragraph of Exhibit A, for Electric City Power (ECP) customers affected for services received as of July 1, 2011.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, commented that it looks like the words “transmission charge” was omitted from the first paragraph of Exhibit A.

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, expressed concern that customers will be able to exit contracts and that the taxpayers will “eat” more of ECP’s debt for services they didn’t receive. She recommended a higher rate increase than \$3.50 per megawatt hour.

After discussion, the Commission was in agreement with adding the words “transmission charge” to the first paragraph of Exhibit A.

Motion as amended carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CASCDE COUNTY FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION IN CALIFORNIA AVENUE FOR THE MONTANA EGGS EXTENSION (OF 1610).

Public Works Director Jim Rearden reported that on September 21, 2010, the City and Montana Eggs entered into an agreement to extend water and sewer mains to serve the expanded Montana Eggs facility. Late in the design of the facility, it was discovered that a second water main would be needed to provide adequate fire protection. Two routes were identified to extend this second main. This route (California Avenue) is a platted but undeveloped right of way beyond the City limits. California Avenue extends from the intersection of Avenue B Northwest and Valley View Drive, west to the east edge of the Montana Eggs property. Approval of this MOU will allow for the installation of the water main on this County property, and allow the City to fulfill its agreement with Montana Eggs. The County Commission has approved this MOU.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Burow and Jones, that the City Commission approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cascade County for water main installation in California Avenue in the Wilcox Addition, for the Montana Eggs Utility Extensions (OF 1610) and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commission or inquiries from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

11. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, MONTANA EGGS UTILITY EXTENSIONS (OF 1610).

Public Works Director Jim Rearden reported that since the start of construction, a significant change in conditions has been discovered that will result in a change order to the project. During the installation of the sanitary sewer main, quicksand was encountered in most of the area along Stuckey Road between the Northwest Bypass and the Montana Eggs facility. The pipeline has been installed through this area but at the expense of large quantities of Type 2 bedding, which has been the only method of trench and pipe stabilization found to work. Since the water main will be installed only 10 to 20 feet away from the sewer, it is expected that the same quicksand layer will be encountered during that excavation. Around 600 cubic yards of additional Type 2 pipe bedding will be needed to ensure that the water main is properly supported to maintain proper grade and structural integrity. Mr. Rearden recommended approval of the change order.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission approve Change Order No. 1 for \$13,800 to Central Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for the Montana Eggs Utility Extensions (OF 1610) and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commission or inquiries from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

12. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UPPER/LOWER RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR SERVICE DISTRICT #4 (OF 1354.4).

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that the Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer Service District is prepared to move forward with installation of water and sewer infrastructure for Service District #4, which comprises 57 parcels on ±16.34 acres of land. The District and the property owners in Service District #4 will be responsible for paying the cost of the water and sewer infrastructure including the use of \$332,000 in CDBG funds allocated by the Commission in the most recent funding package. The MOU sets forth conditions for properties in Service District #4 to connect to city water and sewer and for annexation of the property into the City.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District for Service District #4 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commission. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

John Stephenson-Love, Board President of the Upper/Lower River Road Water & Sewer District,
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residing at 300 40th Avenue South, expressed appreciation for the City's help in the Water & Sewer District making progress.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

13. RESOLUTION 9934, INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 13TH STREET AND A PORTION OF 11TH ALLEY NORTH.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that this item relates to the abandonment of public right-of-way; specifically, 13th Street North between 10th Avenue North and 11th Alley North and 11th Alley North east of 13th Street North in favor of four abutting private property owners. The subject right-of-way is not used or needed for the street network and abandonment will allow the abutting property owners to better secure their properties and utilize the land for parking or storage. Easements will be retained in favor of the City for utilities. Subsequent to the property being abandoned, the property owners would be required to replat the property including establishing the utility easements.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jolley, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 9934.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or inquiries from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

14. Minutes, July 5, 2011, Commission meeting.
15. Total Expenditures of \$2,991,069 for the period of June 30 through July 13, 2011, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$2,745,189.
16. Contracts list.
17. Approve the purchase of water meter equipment for FY 2012 from Dana Kepner Co. of Billings in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.
18. Approve cancellation of outstanding and unpaid checks over one year old.
19. Award construction contract to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. in the amount of \$71,021 for the 25th Avenue NE Improvements. **OF 1615**
20. Approve final payment to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. and the State Miscellaneous Tax Division in the amount of \$7,893.30 for the 33rd Avenue NE Drainage Improvements and Paving. **OF 1553.1**

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jolley requested that the contract for the military entryway signage listed as Item 16(C) be pulled for separate discussion. She expressed concern with expending funds from the contingency fund for this purpose. She requested a legal opinion regarding use of contingency funds.

Mr. Doyon commented that he understands the source of funding is in dispute with Commissioner Jolley. The Fiscal Department has set up a separate project account that the payment will come from.

Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt added that the Commission took action in April to approve the funding for this project. At that time, staff transferred funds from the contingency fund to the project fund and solicited quotes from contractors. The action requested tonight is to approve the contract.

Mayor Winters asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, noted that the Southern payment on Item 15 has been the largest bill tendered to ECP. With regard to the military signage contract on Item 16, Mr. Gessaman commented that all military in town should be honored.

Mayor Winters clarified that the sign references “The Homes” of Malmstrom Air Force Base and Montana Air National Guard.

Commissioner Jolley inquired about the large energy expense on Item 15.

Mr. Doyon commented he recollects Southern making a cash call to meet some deposit requirements. There was a rate increase in April. The latest bill is a mystery and is also a higher amount.

Mike Witsoe, 510 11th Street South, inquired about the military signage in Item 16C. Ms. Reichelt responded that local quotes were received, and the low bidder was All State Signs. A Great Falls resident prepared the design for the sign.

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, inquired about donated labor and materials for the military signage in Item 16C.

Ms. Reichelt responded that she wasn't able to get donations for the first sign. She spoke with General Livingston from MANG and it will be in the works for future signs.

Daniel Dust, 1401 5th Avenue South, approved of All State Signs as the contractor for the military signage listed in Item 16C.

Motion carried 5-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**21. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Mayor Winters opened the meeting to Petitions and Communications.

- A. **Daniel Dust**, 1401 5th Avenue South, reviewed the timeline of events since a light pole fell at Centene Stadium, the engineering reports, and expressed safety concerns. He suggested that the Commission create an emergency board to investigate the safety issues he discussed.

Mayor Winters responded that he spoke with General Manager Ms. Swartz and the groundskeeper, and was assured that the signs Mr. Dust referenced are vinyl signs, and the light poles are 368 feet from the nearest person(s). The League has rules in place in the event of a major weather incident. Ms. Swartz reported to him that the League is adhering to the recommendations of the engineering firm.

Mr. Dust read portions of the TD&H report.

Mayor Winters responded that what Mr. Dust has discussed has been or is in the process of being rectified.

- B. **Vinney Purpura**, 127 Hawk Drive, commented that there are two issues, signs and light poles. Mr. Purpura discussed his Memorandum provided to the City Manager and Commissioners and read portions of the TD&H report. The report was provided to Park and Recreation Director Marty Basta. If the recommendations would have been for immediate need, the Baseball Club would have taken immediate action. The Baseball Club implemented a pole replacement program. Mr. Purpura concluded that the Baseball Club took a thoughtful and conservative approach.
- C. **Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36th Avenue NE, commented that the wood pole pictures in the TD&H report are horrendous. With regard to the steel poles, Mr. Gessaman commented that a temporary fix will not fix the problems.
- D. **John Hubbard**, 615 7th Avenue ~~North~~ **South**, commented on the Overfield case that was recently in the *Tribune* and the monies spent defending the case. Mr. Hubbard discussed people being held accountable and encouraged citizens to contact appropriate officials to press charges.
- E. **Police Chief Cloyd Grove**, commented that he followed up on Mr. Witsoe's allegations regarding chickens at the last Commission meeting. The information was false. Chief Grove requested an apology from Mr. Witsoe to the Great Falls Police Department staff.
- F. **Mike Witsoe**, 510 11th Street South, apologized and commented that he thought the rumors were from someone reliable. Mr. Witsoe discussed an upcoming 70th class reunion for Great Falls High School.

CITY MANAGER**22. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that he will not be available to attend the next two Southern meetings. At his request, the Commission appointed interim trustees ECP Board Chairman Jones and Vice Chairman Winters to attend said meetings.

CITY COMMISSION

23. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from the City Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular Commission meeting, **Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the regular meeting of July 19, 2011, be adjourned at 10:04 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Winters

City Clerk

Minutes Approved: August 2, 2011