

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Winters presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Daisy Girl Scouts

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Bronson read a Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week, and Commissioner Jones read a Proclamation for YWCA Week Without Violence.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NC 6.

1. SWEARING IN CEREMONY.

Mayor Winters swore in Nicholas Bourdeau as a representative of Neighborhood Council 6.

NC 8.

2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Karen Grove, Chair NC 8, reminded council members that their meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 6 p.m., at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center. The last Council of Council meeting and issues affecting the neighborhood and City will be discussed.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

**Amended Plat, Lot 7A,
Block 1, Great Falls
Market Place
Subdivision. Approved.**

3. AMENDED PLAT, LOT 7A, BLOCK 1, GREAT FALLS MARKET PLACE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SW¼ OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, P.M.M.

On September 28, 2010, the Planning Advisory Board recommended approval of an amended plat for the Holiday Inn Express property at Market Place. The existing ±3.25 acre property is zoned C-2 and addressed as 1625 Market Place Drive. The request is to subdivide existing Lot 7A into two lots - Lot 7AA being the ±2.25 acre lot on which the Holiday Inn Express was recently constructed and Lot 7AB being a ±1 acre vacant lot on Market Place Drive that would be available for future development. Proposed Lot 7AB meets the minimum standards of the C-2 zoning district and has access to utilities, street frontage and signage allowance.

Mr. Haynes requested that the City Commission approve the amended plat.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Burow and Jones, that the City Commission approve the Amended Plat of Lot 7A, Block 1, Great Falls Market Place Subdivision, located in the SW¹/₄ of Section 15, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, P.M.M.

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.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from members of board and commissions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Res. 9901 and Ord. 3058.
Adopted.**

5A. RESOLUTION 9901, APPROVES MINOR PLAT AND ANNEXES GREAT FALLS INDUSTRIAL PARK, SECTION 4, LOCATED IN NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, S 31, T20N, R4E, P.M.M.

5B. ORDINANCE 3058, ASSIGNS ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that the Public Works Compost Facility comprises ±20.6 acres of property located on 33rd Avenue NE about ¼ mile east of the intersection of Old Havre Highway and U.S. Highway 87. The primary purpose of the Compost Facility will be to compost yard waste. It will also be used to dry alum sludge from the water plant before disposal at the landfill. In the future the site could be used as a waste transfer station.

Resolution 9901 relates to the annexation and minor plat of the subject property and Ordinance 3058 relates to the assignment of I-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning to the property.

Annexation will not only incorporate this city-owned property, but will also allow adjacent privately-owned properties to annex into the City and accommodate new urban development.

At its August 10, 2010, meeting, the Planning Advisory Board recommended approval of the annexation and minor plat and the Planning Advisory Board, acting as the Zoning Commission, recommended approval of assigning I-2 zoning to the subject property upon annexation.

After conducting the public hearing, Mr. Haynes requested the City

Commission adopt Resolution 9901 and Ordinance 3058.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 9901 and Ordinance 3058 were:

Kathy Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, suggested the assignment of light industrial instead of heavy industrial zoning.

Mr. Haynes responded that the proposed zoning is reflective of zoning in that area surrounded by county property. It is anticipated that future annexations will occur and property owners will be asking to retain the I-2 zoning. It is a manner of consistency.

Ms. Gessaman inquired about the agricultural land in the area.

Mr. Haynes responded that adjacent property owners have expressed an interest in developing those properties for industrial, which is the equivalent zoning in the county right now. From a planning perspective, it is the logical choice.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, referenced § 7-2-4601, MCA, and opined that the proposal was a “flag pole” annexation. He expressed concerns regarding traffic, diverting City resources, and non-authorized expenditures. He inquired how much money was invested in infrastructure on this property.

Mr. Haynes explained that this property is contiguous by annexing the right-of-way. Solutions to the intersection concerns are being discussed between the City, County and Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).

With regard to infrastructure, Public Works Director Jim Rearden added that the water main and roadway were publicly bid and awarded by the Commission. With regard to improvements to the intersection, the Great Falls Development Authority has Thomas, Dean & Hoskins performing a study to look at alternatives.

John Hubbard, 615 7th Avenue South, requested clarification regarding relocation of the Convenience Center.

Mr. Rearden responded that State approval was recently obtained to dry Water Treatment Plant sludge in that area before taking it to the landfill. This will allow not as much tonnage to haul, and will reduce the cost of disposal. The process has begun for obtaining a license for a compost yard. The recycling facility will stay within the City. Relocation of the transfer station will be considered at such time as it makes a profit.

Mr. Hubbard expressed concerns about the distance people will have to

travel to dispose of items at this location.

No one spoke in favor of Resolution 9901 and Ordinance 3058.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed and asked for the direction of the City Commission.

Commissioner Jolley moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 9901, and approve the minor plat of Great Falls Industrial Park, Section 4, located in NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, Section 31, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cascade County, Montana, and the accompanying Findings of Fact.

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

Commissioner Burow inquired about the importance of annexing at this time.

Mr. Haynes responded that it makes sense to annex City-owned property into the City boundaries. Property owners to the east are interested in developing that property and would be responsible for extending the roadway and utilities.

Commissioner Burow inquired the status of the property between 15th Street and the City parcel.

Mr. Haynes reported that there are businesses along there, and some property owners have expressed an interest in being annexed.

Commissioner Jolley noted that it is contiguous now by bringing in sections of Old Havre Highway, as opposed to how it used to be done.

Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3058.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. No one responded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ord. 3059. Denied.

6. ORDINANCE 3059, REZONE LOTS 1-5, BLOCK 611, FIFTH ADDITION TO GREAT FALLS TOWNSITE FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE-FAMILY HIGH-DENSITY DISTRICT.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that Ordinance 3059 pertains to the proposed rezoning of property in the 1500 block of 1st Avenue NW from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Single family high density residential).

The applicant owns vacant Lot 5 that Habitat for Humanity is interested in acquiring for development of a new affordable single-family home. The owner of the single-family home on Lots 1-4 had, until yesterday, agreed to be a part of the rezoning. Lot 6 currently contains a mobile home. That owner was not interested in rezoning his property to residential having plans to possibly sell the lot in the future to an adjacent business.

On August 24, 2010, the Planning Advisory Board, acting as the Zoning Commission, recommended approval of rezoning the five lots consistent with the staff recommendation. The staff recommendation for approval was based upon the finding that the new zoning is consistent with the existing residential land uses on the property, that the residential neighborhood is viable and indeed improving with some newly constructed homes and home renovations and, that while the existing mix of commercial and residential land uses is not ideal, the future for this residential neighborhood may just as easily be one of stabilization and expansion, rather than commercial encroachment.

Neighborhood Council 2 took a position in support of the rezoning of the five lots from C-2 to R-3.

A letter was received yesterday from the owner of Lots 1-4 stating that he now opposes the rezoning. Another letter was received today from the business owner across the alley to the south of the subject properties also opposing the rezoning. Said letters were provided to the Commission earlier this evening.

The owner of Lot 5 has, in good faith, applied for and paid for a rezoning and gone all the way through the process to tonight's public hearing. Staff's position on the rezoning may have been different if, from the initiation of the process, no other property owners on the block agreed to rezone.

The property on Lots 1-4 will remain residential even though it retains C-2 zoning.

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 3059, amended to rezone only Lot 5, Block 611, Fifth Addition to Great Falls Townsite, Cascade County, Montana.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in opposition to Ordinance 3059 were:

Steven Rogers, #2 15th Street NW, owner of property adjacent to the property being discussed, expressed safety concerns with kids and trucks in the alley way. Mr. Rogers commented that the brochure incorrectly referred to Lots 1-6 as being attainable via 1st Avenue NW. The lots are only accessible from the alley way. Mr. Rogers also noted that Vaughn Road has always been a business environment.

Brian Rogers, #2 15th Street NW, owner of property adjacent to the property being discussed, also expressed concerns regarding access to his property and safety issues.

Roger May, 217 Vaughn Road, commented that he is the owner of the Parts Store that delivers to Mr. Rogers' business four or five times per day. The access is very poor and it is hard for trucks to turn around. He concluded that zoning property residential in this area will make it worse, and that there are better places for cheaper housing.

The City Clerk also received written letters in opposition from **Joseph Becker**, 1508 1st Avenue NW, and **Brian Rogers**, #2 15th Street NW.

Speaking in favor of Ordinance 3059 were:

Nathan Hoines, residing at 3509 12th Avenue South, commented that he is the Attorney representing the owner of Lot 5. Mr. Hoines argued that the neighboring property to the south is residential, including two high school houses and a Habitat for Humanity house. Whether this property contains a commercial building or a residence, the same problems exist with access. The lots being discussed already contain two residential houses. Putting an affordable house in this neighborhood makes sense. Mr. Hoines pointed out that the Planning Board has carefully considered this matter, including access, and has recommended the rezone. Mr. Hoines urged the Commission to adopt Ordinance 3059.

Susan McCord, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, commented that she understands the concerns expressed in opposition, but clarified that Habitat for Humanity does not build cheap homes; it builds decent, affordable homes that improve neighborhoods.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters declared the public hearing closed and asked for the direction of the City Commission.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jolley, that the City Commission deny Ordinance 3059.

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

Commissioner Jolley commented that, if there are justifiable reasons to do so, the City Commission could deny the requested action to the extent allowed in City Code and State Statute. She inquired if there were any restrictions regarding Mr. Haynes' suggestion to only changing the zoning on Lot 5.

Mr. Haynes responded that the last thing he would want to do is to rezone someone's property against their will. All through the process, the owner of Lots 1-4 was in favor of the rezoning, but now has opposed the rezoning in writing.

Commissioner Jolley inquired if the property owners around the property being requested to be rezoned were contacted.

Mr. Haynes responded that they had an opportunity to appear at the Planning Board and City Commission meetings. The neighboring properties were noticed, and advertising did occur. He clarified that at the beginning the property owners of Lots 1-6 were all in favor of rezoning. The ownership of Lot 6 changed and the new owner was not in favor of rezoning. That is the reason that staff only took Lots 1-5, those in favor of rezoning, to the Planning Board. Now, at the eleventh hour, the owner of Lots 1-4 is not in favor of the rezoning. Only the original applicant, owner of Lot 5, is asking for the rezoning

Commissioner Jones expressed concerns that the owner of Lot 5 continued through the entire rezoning process in good faith, only to have others change their minds at the eleventh hour. It is a fairness issue that needs to be looked at.

Commissioner Bronson also noted that fairness is a consideration. He explained that there are a lot of residential properties running through the west side area. By the time you reach Vaughn Road there are a lot of businesses with few residences. As originally presented to the Planning Board that Lots 1-5 would all be rezoned residential, there was some sense to that. It was consistent with the block to the east on 1st Avenue NW. Now, the other landowners do not want to change the use of their properties. He expressed concern agreeing to rezoning that will only affect one of the six lots, with the other five remaining commercial.

Commissioner Burow echoed Commissioner Bronson, and added that his concern would be residences complaining about commercial businesses.

Commissioner Jolley suggested that, rather than using the term "eleventh hour," the term "appointed hour" should be used as it is the governing body of the City of Great Falls at these public hearings that decides these matters.

Motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Jones dissenting).

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

Certificate of Survey and Memorandum of Understanding all related to Marks 14E1 and 14X, located in NE¼ S36, T21N, R3E. Accepted.

7. CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, ALL RELATED TO MARKS 14e1 AND 14x, LOCATED IN NE¼ SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, P.M.M. AND THE DEDICATION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that the City needs these two Certificates of Survey representing right-of-way (ROW) in order to complete the street network along 36th Avenue NE just west of Bootlegger Trail.

The Certificates of Survey describe a 60-foot ROW on the north side of 36th Avenue NE that will connect to 12th Street NE that is now partially constructed through Northview Addition, and a 70-foot ROW on the south side of 36th Avenue NE that will connect 14th Street NE to the Water Tower Park subdivision. These are street connections that the City always intended to make, but was not able to achieve with the previous owner of the properties on either side of 36th Avenue NE. The new property owner, Darin Vick, plans to develop the property on the north side of 36th Avenue NE with storage units and, in rezoning that property to “B – Business” in the County, has agreed to donate the two properties to the City for ROW.

Mr. Haynes reported that this is a win-win situation for City and County residents in the area in terms of improved connectivity and relieving traffic, as well as several benefits the property owner. He requested that the City Commission accept the Certificates of Survey.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission accept Certificate of Survey of Marks 14E1 and 14X, located in NE¼ Section 36, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, P.M.M. Cascade County, and the dedication of rights-of-way and Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Commissioner Jolley asked for clarification regarding the fiscal impact.

Mr. Haynes explained that escrowed funds are available to make the street improvement and utility connection. Pursuant to the terms of the MOU, the new owner of the properties would not be under obligation to pay for the improvements because the City already has the escrowed funds.

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

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, inquired about the number of approaches, and cost of improvements on 36th Avenue NE.

Mr. Haynes responded that the number of approaches depends on the project and future development. No road improvements are planned on 36th Avenue NE unless a majority of property owners are interested in contributing.

Public Works Director Jim Rearden added that there is no leverage to require improvements since the property remains in the County.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Water Main
Construction Agreement
with Upper/Lower River
Road Water & Sewer
District, Phase 4.
Approved.
OF 1354.3**

**8. WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH
UPPER/LOWER RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER
DISTRICT, PHASE 4.**

Public Works Director Jim Rearden reported that the City began discussions with the City/County Health Department in 1996 concerning ground water and drinking water quality problems experienced in the Upper/Lower River Road area. Since that time a Water and Sewer Board has been formed and three service districts have received water and sewer improvements. Completion of a 1,800 foot gap would strengthen flows and service to the far south end of the system. The cost to install the water main is approximately \$172,000. The District has \$110,000 for that purpose, and has asked the City to pay the remaining \$62,000. The District would have the work performed through a change order with the current District 3 contractor. The District would also be paying for all engineering, inspection and contract administration on the project.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Burow and Jones, that the City Commission approve the Agreement between the City of Great Falls and Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District for Upper River Road Water Main Extension and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract documents.

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

John Stephenson-Love, 300 40th Avenue South, Board President of the ULRR Water & Sewer District, reported that there are remaining funds from Phase 3 of the project. This presents an opportunity to complete the water main loop between Service Districts 3 and 1.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Ord. 3061. Accepted on first reading and set public hearing for November 16, 2010.

9. ORDINANCE 3061, ASSIGN CITY ZONING TO SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE UPPER/LOWER RIGHT ROAD WATER & SEWER DISTRICT.

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes reported that Ordinance 3061 pertains to the proposed annexation of 38 properties in the Upper/Lower River Road area and the assignment of R-1, R-2 and R-3 zoning to the various properties depending on lot size.

The Water and Sewer District is responsible for establishing Service Areas, gathering the requisite number of signatures authorizing annexation, submitting the annexation request to the City and funding and coordinating water and sewer system projects with Public Works.

The City Commission approved Service District 1 that comprised 170 parcels in 2007 and Service District 2 that comprised 81 parcels in 2009. This request is to approve Service District 3 that would bring the total number of parcels annexed into the City from this area to 289.

On September 14, 2010, the Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed annexation and assigning R-1, R-2 and R-3 zoning to various properties within Service District 3.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission accept Ordinance 3061 on first reading and set a public hearing for November 16, 2010.

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.

Item 16, public hearing not set for November 16, 2010, on Resolution 9905. The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Minutes, October 5, 2010, Commission meeting.
11. Total Expenditures of \$2,664,397 for the period of September 24 through October 13, 2010, to include claims over \$5000, in the amount of \$2,425,519.
12. Contracts list.
13. Lien release list.
14. Set public hearing for November 16, 2010, on Resolution 9903 to allow a Community Garden on property located at 901 3rd Avenue North.
15. Set public hearing for November 16, 2010, on Resolution 9904 for Conditional Use Permit for a duplex on property located at 1024 2nd Avenue South.

16. Set Public Hearing for November 16, 2010, on Resolution 9905 Authorizing a Voluntary 15% Energy Supply Rate Increase for Certain Electric City Power (ECP) Pilot Program Customers.
17. Award bid for one new large rotary mower to Midland Implement of Billings in the amount of \$69,900.
18. Approve amended Montana Department of Transportation contract, Section VI, containing additional Selective Traffic Enforcement Program funds in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 2011.
19. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,000 and Final Payment in the amount of \$10,919.11 to Dick Olson Construction, Inc. and payment to the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund in the amount of \$110.29 for the South Parking Structure Deck Reseal and Painting project. **OF 1259.1**
20. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$88,110 to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. for the Phase II 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue North Water Main Replacements. **OF 1599**
21. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$29,568.62 to Dick Anderson Construction, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Miscellaneous Improvements. **OF 1374.7**
22. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$44,534 to Sletten Construction for the Engineering and Operations Office Modification. **OF 1455.3**
23. Approve Final Payment for the Gore Hill Sanitary Sewer Relocation in the amount of \$1,795 to Phillips Construction, Inc. and the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund. **OF 1425.3**

With regard to Item 16, Commissioner Jolley moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission not set a public hearing for November 16, 2010, on Resolution 9905 to authorize a voluntary 15% energy supply rate increase for certain Pilot Program customers effective for services received September 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

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

Commissioner Jolley commented that she would like to wait to set a public hearing. She explained that customers were sent a letter, and she is interested in learning at the next Electric City Power Board meeting which customers the rate increase would be set for.

Commissioner Burow concurred with Commissioner Jolley.

Commissioner Bronson inquired if the customer letter dated October 11, 2010, attached to Agenda Report 16, had been mailed to customers.

Fiscal Services Director Coleen Balzarini responded that the letter to customers of the Pilot Program had gone out.

Mayor Winters inquired about all the customers of ECP.

Ms. Balzarini responded that letter was being handled by the City Manager.

Commissioner Bronson inquired if there was any information communicated to the Pilot Program customers about the public hearing in November at the time the letter went out.

Ms. Balzarini responded that the letter requests a voluntary approval by the customer for a 15% increase for energy consumed September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. The Commission needs to approve that rate for those that mail back their voluntary approvals.

Commissioner Bronson asked Ms. Balzarini if she saw any complication with not holding the public hearing until hearing back from customers willing to respond.

Ms. Balzarini responded that the only complication is that it is for consumption since September 1. If this public hearing is delayed, it probably would be reset the last meeting in December.

Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Jolley and Jones, that the City Commission approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. No one responded.

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

Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, with regard to Item 14, Ms. Baker asked if any guidelines had been addressed. She found the political signs on the property of the community garden offensive.

Mayor Winters reminded Ms. Baker that, even though it is a community garden, it is private property.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, referred to Item 20 and commented that, if there was no history of water main breaks, how could staff determine fiscal impact.

With regard to Item 22, Mr. Gessaman noted that he previously pointed out the need to have equity of restrooms.

Commissioner Burow commented that discussions prior to Commission approval were that the bathrooms were adequate. A professional engineer prepared the plans, and he assumed the same engineer would prepare plans

for the bathrooms.

Public Works Director Jim Rearden responded that there were additional design charges for moving the women's bathroom.

Commissioner Burow commented that he hoped this wouldn't happen again in the future.

Motion carried 5-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

24. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mayor Winters opened the meeting to Petitions and Communications.

Cable 7.

24A. Kathy Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, as Secretary/Treasurer of Cable 7, Inc., requested that information be provided at the next meeting regarding why the City did not renew the contract with the Cable 7 Board.

Community Garden, sewer repairs.

24B. Karen Grove, 1816 1st Avenue North, commented that the political sign concern was addressed to the Community Garden Committee. The signs were posted with the permission of the landowner. Ms. Grove thanked the City for sewer repairs to 1st Avenue North.

ECP.

24C. Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, commented that the ECP Board voted on August 2, 2010, to end the Pilot Program by sending out a 60 day notice immediately. Mr. Gessaman also discussed a table of NorthWestern Energy, ECP and SME prices for the past seven years that was contained in the October 15 Weekly Review packet.

Economic Development Conference.

24D. Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority, residing at 3048 Delmar Drive, thanked Greg Doyon, Fred Burow and Bill Bronson for recently attending the annual Economic Development Conference in Ohio.

Pine Beetles, Dutch Elm, recession.

24E. John Hubbard, 615 7th Avenue South, inquired what to do to protect trees from Pine Beetles and Dutch Elm disease.

Park & Recreation Director Marty Basta responded that patches and sprays are the most effective protection from Pine Beetles, and that he would get information from the City Forester regarding Dutch Elm for Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Hubbard also discussed power rate increases, recession, national news and Cable 7.

Street name change, safety inspections.

24F. Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Avenue NW, inquired about changing the name of her street so that it would be easier to find her residence in the case of an emergency. Fire Chief McCamley explained the City goes through

great efforts through its mapping system and geo system used by dispatchers to get them to the right addresses. He extended an invitation to Ms. Baker to visit with him and do some more research.

Ms. Baker also commented that she has a business in her home. She takes issue with inspectors not knocking before entering her business when performing their annual safety inspections.

CITY MANAGER

25. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no reports or announcements from the Acting City Manager Michael Haynes.

CITY COMMISSION

26. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Burow requested that staff forward a copy of Mr. Doyon's Columbus, Ohio trip report to Mr. Richard Liebert.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the regular Commission meeting, **Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jolley, that the regular meeting of October 19, 2010, be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Winters

City Clerk

Minutes Approved: November 3, 2010