

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION
December 2, 2008

City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, John Rosenbaum, Bill Bronson and Mary Jolley. Commissioner Beecher was excused. Also present were the City Manager, Directors Community Development, Fiscal Services, Library, Park and Recreation, Planning and Public Works, the City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the City Clerk.

1. DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO BOOKS

Library Director Jim Heckel reported that this program began December 1. There are currently 1,500 titles available to download to a personal computer, MP3 or Ipod. Mr. Heckel also reminded everyone about the Great Falls Library's Heritage Program, which is a database for genealogy research.

Assistant Library Director Kathy Mora presented a demonstration on how to download audio books from the greatfallslibrary.org website.

- An active library card is required and is free of charge to county residents.
- Specific software is required and is also available to download free of charge. The software is available for a MAC or PC.
- Each title shows what kind of device it can be played on.
- There are seven librarians selecting titles and all the participating Montana libraries share the same collection. The title selection will expand monthly.
- The checkout period is 14 days
- A hold can be placed on an audio book and an email notification will be sent allowing three days to check it out.
- A maximum of five books can be checked out at one time.

The program is very user friendly and a great addition to library services.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of December 2, 2008, at 6:32 p.m.