

February 15, 2012
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Winters, Commissioners Bob Jones, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow and Mary Jolley. Also present were the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Directors of Fiscal Services, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, City Clerk, *Tribune* reporter Richard Ecke and citizen Ron Gessaman.

Work Session Review

City Manager Doyon reported that the Work Session topics include an update on the City's website, and an overview of the Junior Golf Program.

Agenda Review

Manager Doyon reviewed the proposed agenda topics and department heads discussed agenda items and reported information for the February 21, 2012, meeting.

Copies of the draft \$5,000 report were provided for Commissioners to review.

Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt reported that a presentation of an award to Alekses Clifton would be added to the agenda.

Item 3 – Gibson Park Water Right 41Q 105494-00 – Manager Doyon reported that approval would authorize the City's water right attorney to submit a motion to amend the water right flow rate from 1,000 to 900 gallons per minute that would remove an issue remark on the water rights claim in the Water Court. He emphasized that the reduction pertains to flow rate, not volume of water. Director Rearden added that the average flow rate has been 700 gallons per minute.

Item 4 – Resolution 9959 – Director Kinzler reported that the City has had tax compliance procedures relating to tax-exempt bonds. Approval of Resolution 9959 would formalize the policies and procedures in writing on recommendation of the City's bond counsel.

Item 5 – Resolution 9960 – Director Kinzler reported that she and the City Manager entered into an agreement with the underwriter as previously authorized by the Commission. The bonds were sold locally for \$857,000, and the average interest rate of the bonds is 3.5%.

Item 11 – Professional Services Agreement with Gordon Whirry Architecture for the Street and Sanitation Building Addition – Director Rearden explained that exhaust fumes are crossing over from the equipment shop to two offices, break room and locker/wash rooms. The agreement is to develop plans for adequate heating and ventilation.

Item 12 – Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment, Lower River Road Landslide – Director Rearden explained that additional lengths of sheet piling were required on the retaining structure. FEMA will pay 75% of the work as part of the flood mitigation.

No changes to the agenda were requested by the Commissioners.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt handed out a letter from Preservation Cascade and its specialty license plate. She asked for direction from the Commission with

regard to how it wants staff to proceed with the Mayor's project proposal of a Great Falls license plate. After a brief discussion, it was determined to put the project on hold due to a lack of interest at this time.

- Ms. Reichelt inquired if there was any interest from the Commissioners to be a member of the Complete Streets Policy Committee. Commissioner Bronson offered to be the Commission representative on that Committee.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Winters adjourned the informal agenda meeting of February 15, 2012, at 3:47 p.m.