

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Winters presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Michael Winters, Bob Jones, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow and Bob Kelly. Also present were the City Manager; City Attorney; Director of Fiscal Services; Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development; Police Chief; and the City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: No changes were proposed by the City Manager or City Commission. The agenda as submitted was approved.

PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Winters read proclamations for Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Vets4Vets Month and Constitution Week.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from Neighborhood Council representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA.

2. Minutes, September 2, 2014, Commission meeting.
3. Total Expenditures of \$1,500,871 for the period of August 21 through September 3, 2014, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,219,391.
4. Contracts list.
5. Approve School Resource Officer Services Agreement with the Great Falls Public School District for the 2014/2015 school year.
6. Approve Great Falls Police Department/Cascade County Sheriff's Office Interlocal Agreement for division of the 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

7. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from representatives of Boards and Commissions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. RESOLUTION 10085, TO LEVY AND ASSESS PROPERTIES WITHIN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS.

Fiscal Services Director Melissa Kinzler reported that there are currently 26 Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD's) with approximately 9,420 roadway lights, lighting over 70% of the City. The majority, approximately 97% of the roadway lights, are owned by NorthWestern Energy. The City pays a maintenance and operational fee to NorthWestern Energy for the lights in addition to a fee which covers the electrical supply and distribution. The assessment amount for FY 2015 is \$1.5 million dollars, a decrease of 21.7% from FY 2014. Adoption of Resolution 10085 will allow the City to fund the operational and maintenance costs required to be made each year in the Special Improvement Lighting Districts.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in support of or in opposition to Resolution 10085.

Mayor Winters closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10085.

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

Commissioner Kelly noted it was nice to see a decrease in the total assessment amount.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

9. AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO CITY VIEW SUBDIVISION LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 2, CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY 4705, LOCATED IN THE N1/2NE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, PMM, CASCADE COUNTY.

Planning and Community Development Deputy Director Lee Nellis reported that, after conducting a public hearing on August 19, 2014, the Commission adopted Resolution 10088

annexing the property, Ordinance 3123 assigning City zoning, and approved the Final Plat and Annexation Agreement all pertaining to City View Subdivision. However, at that time the final version of the Annexation Agreement was not before the Commission for consideration as intended. The requested action is to approve the Amended Annexation Agreement that reflects the correct amounts in said Agreement as negotiated and agreed to by the parties.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission approve the Amended Annexation Agreement pertaining to City View Subdivision.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements.

CITY MANAGER

11. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Manager Greg Doyon referred to the Commission's approval of the School Resource Officer Services Agreement with the Great Falls Public School District and reported that he attended the School District convocation and the District appreciates the officers that serve in that capacity.

Manager Doyon announced that Police Chief Dave Bowen will be Acting City Manager in his and Deputy Manager Reichelt's absence tomorrow.

CITY COMMISSION

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Bronson reminded citizens of proper posting of garage sale signs at legal locations, not to post signs on utility poles as it can be a hazard for linemen, and that there is a provision in the sign ordinance to remove garage sale signs at the end of the sale.

Commissioner Burow announced that the Treasure State Flywheelers Heritage Festival will be held at the Montana Expo Park on September 20-21, 2014.

13. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

There were no Commission initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Bronson moved to adjourn the regular meeting of September 16, 2014, at 7:26 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Michael J. Winters

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: October 7, 2014