

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, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow and Bob Kelly. Commissioner Jones was excused. Also present were the City Manager; City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, Park and Recreation, and Planning and Community Development; City Engineer; Police Chief; and the City Clerk.

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

PRESENTATION: MMIA Risk Management and Programs Manager John Cummings presented Risk Manager Angela Swingley with the Bob Worthington Risk Management Achievement Award.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Winters read a proclamation for Youth Art Month.

**** 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, February 3, 2015, Commission meeting.
3. Total Expenditures of \$1,736,453 for the period of January 22 through February 4, 2015, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,502,912.
4. Contracts list.
5. Grant list.
6. Approve Professional Services Agreement with NCI Engineering in the amount of \$172,725 for the Downtown Streetscape Expansion Project. **OF 1508.3**

7. Approve Professional Services Contract Amendment No. 3 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Required Upgrades with no increase to the existing contract value. **OF 1633**

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

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

With regard to Item 6, Commissioner Burow requested clarification on what was being added to the project.

City Engineer Dave Dobbs responded that five additional blocks were being added beyond Central Avenue.

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

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, suggested the street lights be night sky friendly.

City Engineer Dobbs responded that the period lighting will match the existing downtown streetscape.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

8. AMENDED PLAT OF STONE MEADOWS ADDITION, PHASE II.

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the developer of Stone Meadows Addition is requesting that the City Commission approve an amendment of Stone Meadows Phase II which will essentially decrease the dwelling units per acre density by turning 14 lots into 11 lots. The developer has found that, subsequent to the final plat approval for Phase II in 2012, market forces and the neighborhood are indicating larger lots are more desirable. Montana Code Annotated 76-3-207 sets forth in pertinent part that when six or more lots are redesigned or realigned, the governing body must review and approve the amendment prior to being recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

At a public meeting held on January 17, 2015, the Planning Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the City Commission approve this request for a plat amendment of Stone Meadows Addition, Phase II.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission approve the Amended Plat of Stone Meadows Addition – Phase II.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

9. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36th Avenue NE, referred to item 6 of the February 3, 2015, City Commission meeting agenda, and suggested agenda reports and change orders both clarify the items to be changed and/or added.

Engineer Dobbs commented that all of the information is in the report. He pointed out that going with stainless steel will save the City a lot of maintenance costs in the lifecycle of this equipment.

Moving forward, Commissioner Burow suggested that staff provide the alternatives and cost options in agenda reports for Commission consideration.

CITY MANAGER

11. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

CITY COMMISSION

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mayor Winters commented that KRTV's segment last evening on the Fire Department was a great report. KRTV will be doing monthly segments to make citizens aware of what is going on in City departments.

Commissioner Burow commented that a consultant's visitor assessment of Great Falls indicated the need for signage to improve Great Falls as a destination place rather than as a pass through location.

Mayor Winters introduced Boy Scouts Adam and Ashton Blake who were in attendance to obtain their citizenship and community merit badges.

13. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

There were no Commission initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on behalf of Mayor Winters, **Boy Scout Adam Blake moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Michael J. Winters

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: March 3, 2015