

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, Bob Jones, Fred Burow and Bob Kelly. Also present were the City Manager and Deputy City Manager; City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works; Police Chief; and the City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt noted the contracts list was amended after original posting. No changes were proposed by the Deputy City Manager or City Commission. The agenda was approved as submitted.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Winters presented Jayson Wanner with a Resolution of Commendation, Appreciation and Gratitude for being named as one of our state's top honorees in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

PROCLAMATIONS: Commissioner Burow read a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month; Commissioner Kelly read a proclamation for Fair Housing Month; Commissioner Jones read a proclamation for Fight Childhood Hunger Week; Mayor Winters read a proclamation for National Service Recognition Day; and, Commissioner Bronson read a proclamation for Paris Gibson Square Day.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

1. SWEARING IN CEREMONY.

Mayor Winters performed the swearing in ceremony for David R. Foscue, Neighborhood Council 1, and Curtis John Finnicum, Neighborhood Council 4.

2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

CONSENT AGENDA.

3. Minutes, March 17, 2015, Commission meeting.

4. Total Expenditures of \$2,260,211 for the period of February 28 through March 25, 2015, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,872,968.
5. Amended Contracts list.
6. Grants list.
7. Award contract in the amount of \$83,862 to Big R Manufacturing, LLC, for the purchase of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge (25th Street North Bridge Procurement) contingent upon Montana Department of Transportation concurrence. **OF 1306.8**
8. Approve Contract to United Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$220,575 for the 2014 CDBG 3rd Avenue North Improvements. **OF 1676**

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

9. APPOINTMENT, PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission appoint Max Grebe to the Parking Advisory Commission to fill the remainder of a three-year term through April 30, 2016.

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

Commissioners Jones and Burow and Mayor Winters expressed concern that the applicant was not a registered voter in Cascade County. Commissioner Bronson noted that it's not currently a requirement for applicants to this board to be registered voters in Cascade County. He suggested directing staff to look at the appropriate modification or criteria for membership on these advisory boards and commissions to include, if it's not already there, a requirement to be a registered voter within the county, and that it be done separately.

Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion failed 2-3 (Mayor Winters and Commissioners Burow and Jones dissenting).

10. APPOINTMENT, GREAT FALLS PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission appoint Peter Fontana to fill the remainder of a three-year term ending on

December 31, 2017, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

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.

11. APPOINTMENTS, ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS (ACIR).

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission appoint Susan Effertz and Don Sims to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2018.

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

Commissioner Burow noted the lack of Don Sims' attendance at ACIR meetings.

Commissioner Bronson clarified that ACIR formally recommended Susan Effertz, but because Don Sims had only made an appearance at one speaker event and had not attended any monthly meetings, ACIR did not make a formal recommendation on his appointment. He appears qualified and is appropriate for consideration by this body.

Commissioner Kelly commented that he previously served on this advisory commission. Lack of attendance at ACIR functions is not a reason to not appoint Don Sims. He was not a member of the commission at that time, but is expressing interest now.

Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Burow dissenting).

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LAWS (PWSL) FOR THE GREAT FALLS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM. OF 1010

Public Works Director Jim Rearden reported that this item is consideration of an Administrative

Order on Consent with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Rule (LT2 Rule) requires a higher level of treatment be provided due to the level of cryptosporidium in the source water treated at the Water Treatment Plant. The initial phase of the rule allowed for a sampling and evaluation period. After this evaluation and trials with the plant process enhanced treatment utilizing the existing plant could not guarantee that the City would consistently meet the new rule, especially during spring run-off or flooding events. With this in mind, the City proceeded with the addition of ultra violet disinfection to the upcoming Water Plant upgrades in order to ensure future compliance.

With the new rule in effect and the likelihood of a violation within the construction period, City staff, acting in good faith, acknowledged the potential for a violation during this period. This will be accomplished with the Administrative Order on Consent which will keep all regulatory response with the DEQ and not the Environmental Protection Agency. This approach was suggested by the DEQ.

By entering into the Administrative Order on Consent with the DEQ the City has a deadline of June 1, 2018 to complete construction. If the City does not meet the LT2 Rule the City will be required to submit public notification but will not trigger additional enforcement action during his Order.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioners Burow and Kelly, that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to enter into the Administrative Order on Consent between the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the City of Great Falls.

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.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. John Hubbard**, 615 7th Avenue South, discussed disappointment with the Department of Environmental Quality and legislators; as well as his opposition to a new school being proposed, and utility rate increases.
- B. Leesha Ford**, 1232 Alpine Drive, President of Great Falls Kiwanis Club, thanked the Commission for its support proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. She encouraged everyone to support upcoming events related to Child Abuse Prevention Month, as well as the upcoming Guns and Hoses event.

CITY MANAGER**15. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Manager Doyon provided an update of the Association of Defense Communities Conference he recently attended in California. There is a lot happening within the Department of Defense that filters down to the two installations here in Great Falls. He provided a different perspective to those at the conference regarding the P4 initiative.

He further reported that the evaluation process for Fire Chief candidates will begin Thursday before a community based panel and a peer/departments head panel.

Manager Doyon announced that budget preparation instructions will be going out to department heads in the near future. The CIP projects have been ranked and will be included this budget cycle.

He reported that the City is awaiting the fact finder's decision from meeting a few weeks ago with IAFF Local 8. He concluded Local 8 is the only collective bargaining group the City currently doesn't have an agreement with.

Moving forward to the next fiscal year, an area of concern he will be discussing with the Commission is better protecting the children in our community and the detectives that have to deal with those cases.

Deputy City Manager Reichelt added that she will begin working on scheduling the special work session for a continuation of the AgriTech Park Development Agreement Financing Scenarios, and is available for questions in the meantime.

CITY COMMISSION**16. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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

17. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

Staff was directed to review and update, if necessary, the questions on the boards and commissions application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Mayor Winters moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 7, 2015, at 8:04 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Michael J. Winters

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: April 21, 2015