

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 Deputy City Manager; City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works; Police Operations Captain; and the City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: No changes were proposed by the Deputy City Manager. The Commission added a proclamation. The agenda as amended was approved.

PRESENTATION: On behalf of the City of Great Falls, Mayor Winters presented Phyllis Tryon with the Eat Right Montana Health Hero 2014 award.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Winters read a proclamation for the 125th Anniversary of Montana's Statehood.

**** 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, October 21, 2014, Commission meeting.
3. Total Expenditures of \$1,839,545 for the period of October 8 - 22, 2014, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,614,462.
4. Contracts list.
5. Lien release list.
6. Award bid for two new Peterbilt 320 tandem axle trucks with new Heil DPF 7000 33 yard sideload refuse packers to Montana Peterbilt of Great Falls in the amount of \$508,300, including trade-ins.

7. Reject bid for GFFR Radio System Upgrade Project. **OF 1683**

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

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 5-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

8. **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

9. **RESOLUTION 10091, RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$2,700,893 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND (DNRC DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), SERIES 2014.**

Fiscal Services Director Melissa Kinzler reported that the City Commission approved a professional service contract amendment with Black & Veatch Corporation on October 21, 2014, for engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant Facility upgrades. The contract has two phases: the detailed design and bidding phase and the construction phase. Adoption of Resolution 10091 authorizes the issuance of bonds to cover the design phase. Fiscal Services and Public Works will request that the City Commission approve additional financing for the construction phase of the contract at a later date.

DNRC has since submitted a letter of approval for a loan to the City of Great Falls in the amount of \$2,700,893 at 2.50% per annum for 20 years. This financing lowers the required bond reserves of outstanding DNRC water bonds by 50%. All issuance fees and costs will be paid out of the funds released by the lowered reserve requirement. Pending completion of the financing process, cash balances in the water fund will provide sufficient cash to pay upfront expenses. Staff anticipates the bond closing to be held on or before December 5, 2014.

Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioners Bronson and Jones, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10091.

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 5-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements.

CITY MANAGER

11. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt announced that Charter Communications is making changes to its channel lineup. The City's government channel 7 will be changing to channel 190, Charter's public affairs neighborhood. A press release will be issued and Charter will be sending out new programming guides to its customers.

She also announced that City offices will be closed for Veterans Day, November 11th.

CITY COMMISSION

12. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Bronson announced that he, Mayor Winters, County Commissioner Jane Weber, and City and County staff spent time last week with a delegation of Ukrainian local government officials. They were interested in learning about our form of City and County governments, with their goal in mind of engaging in some decentralization of authority over there.

Commissioner Burow discussed correspondence received from citizens expressing concerns about fund raising efforts of the Animal Foundation and the Animal Shelter, and the lack of a City run recycling program.

After discussion, staff was directed to draft a letter in response clarifying that the City has no involvement whatsoever in the Animal Foundation's fund raising efforts. Commissioners Burow and Bronson responded to the citizen request about a City recycling program. Staff was directed to add the list of recycling services to the City's home page.

Commissioner Kelly reported that Resolution 10091 adopted this evening is the result of a new DNRC drinking water program for cities and towns. He noted that this is a good program and expressed appreciation to the Governor's Office.

Mayor Winters announced that he received a letter from a gentleman in France requesting help in locating a Douglas Halverson family. He wants to make contact with the Halverson family to express gratitude for allowing him to spend the Christmas holiday with them in 1961.

13. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

There were no Commission initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of November 5, 2014, at 7:33 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Michael J. Winters

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: November 18, 2014

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