

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, Park and Recreation, and Public Works; Police Chief; and the Deputy City Clerk.

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

PRESENTATION: The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presentation was rescheduled for the next meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Winters read proclamations for National Day of Prayer, Peace Officers' Memorial Day/National Police Week and Bike to Work Week.

Mayor Winters suggested an annual autumn bicycling event, similar to the spring Ice Breaker Road Race. The community event could be a safety education opportunity for bicyclists and motorists.

**** 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, April 21, 2015, Commission meeting.
3. Total Expenditures of \$1,401,117 for the period of April 1-22, 2015, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,142,194.
4. Contracts list.
5. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,390.45 to James Talcott Construction for the Public Works Administration Building Addition. **OF 1455.7**

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

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, questioned why Ordinance 3130 was not included on the agenda, as noted in Item 2, the Minutes.

Mr. Gessaman noted the final payment in Item 3 for work done on 12th & 14th Street connectors to 36th Avenue NE, and reported citizens are enjoying the change in traffic at 9th Street and 36th Avenue NE now that the work has been completed.

He also referred to Item 4, the Contracts List, noting plans to demolish the Park & Ponder building. He questioned if there are funds to replace the building.

Mr. Gessaman noted the ceiling design modification from a drop ceiling to an open ceiling in Item 5. He questioned if the architect approved the change due to heating and cooling environmental concerns.

Commissioner Burow responded the change order has made the building look more complete, and the raised ceiling makes the space look almost twice the size.

Public Works Director Jim Rearden responded that modifications to the HVAC system were included in the change order, and the changes were done in conjunction with the architect and the contractor.

Park and Recreation Director Joe Petrella responded there are no funds to replace the Park & Ponder building. The older part of the building will be demolished, but the restroom section of the building will remain.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

7. **RESOLUTION 10110, A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT B/E AEROSPACE'S APPLICATION TO THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND DESIGNATE THE GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MANAGE ALL ASPECTS OF THE GRANT.**

Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt reported the Big Sky Trust Fund (BSTF) program is designed to aid in the development of good paying jobs for residents and promote long-term, stable economic growth in Montana. B/E Aerospace (B/E) is eligible for funding to assist in the creation of new jobs. In order to apply for that funding, B/E must submit their application through the City, and that is why the City Commission is asked to approve their application and Resolution 10110.

B/E meets the requirements and guidelines established by the Department of Commerce to be eligible to receive funding. B/E's application is for \$330,750, with match funds in the amount of \$360,177.

B/E purchased EMTEQ last summer, and EMTEQ had been operating in Great Fall since 2012. Currently B/E has 121 regular full-time employees and 42 contractors. B/E is the world's leading manufacturer of aircraft cabin interior products for both commercial airliners and business jets. B/E serves virtually all of the world's airlines, aircraft manufacturers and leasing companies through its direct global sales and customer support organizations. B/E manufactures aircraft cabin seating, lighting systems, oxygen systems, food and beverage preparation and storage equipment, galley and modular lavatory systems. B/E's major end users are HondaJet, Viking, Quest, Bombardier and Embraer.

The grant award will assist B/E in meeting the demand for the HondaJet program now and into the future. It will also create 45 new jobs. The grant funds will be used to purchase a Cirrus CH2 test station and Spectrum Nova 840 wire marking and cutting machine.

Funding for the BSTF was provided by the State in 2005, through the Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund, with no fiscal impact to the City of Great Falls.

Staff recommends the City Commission approve Resolution 10110 and submit an application, through the Great Falls Development Authority, to the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) Program, on behalf of B/E.

Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10110.

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.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. **Frank LaLiberty**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Great Falls Bicycle Club, expressed support for a bicycle event with the City. He discussed a ride to support CASA-CAN, currently in the planning stages that could possibly be combined with a community bicycling event.
- B. **Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36th Avenue NE, questioned Helena Chemical's business plan in light of plans by Central Montana CO-OP to build a large fertilizer facility able to take unit trains of fertilizer at Kershaw. He noted the State licensing program for those able to handle agricultural chemicals. Mr. Gessaman discussed a recent letter from Linda Metzger in regard to Commission action granting an acre of land to build a new animal shelter.
- C. **John Hubbard**, 615 7th Avenue South, discussed government waste and state law regarding deceptive practices and obstructing justice.

CITY MANAGER**9. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Manager Doyon noted the Work Session was cancelled due to a cancellation from the presenter, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

He announced final interviews for the internal candidates for Fire Chief will be conducted on Friday, May 8th.

He also announced the City received a Fact Finders report Friday on ongoing discussions with Local 8, the fire fighters union. The document was emailed to the Commission and is posted on the State's labor website.

Manager Doyon also noted budget preparations and discussions are underway.

Deputy City Manager Jennifer Reichelt reported she will have a guest on the radio program on KMON at 9 a.m. on the third Thursday in May.

CITY COMMISSION**10. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Commissioner Kelly noted he is happy to endorse activities that get people outside. He believes a great event like the Ice Breaker is the result of a lot of people working for many years, and all great events start as good events.

Going forward with a bicycling event will require a lot of help from folks who have a stake in bicycling – health professionals, the school district, bike shop owners – people who see a potential event to bring in out-of-towners and generate income. He hopes people will come together for an appropriate fun and educational event that allows Great Falls to have another

good event for citizens and visitors.

Commission Burow requested a response from staff regarding Ron Gessaman's inquiry that Ordinance 3130 was not included on the agenda, as noted in Item 2, the Minutes.

Manager Doyon responded that he will find out why Ordinance was not on the agenda, but agreed the expectation was that it would be on this agenda. He stated that it would be included in an upcoming meeting.

11. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

There were no Commission initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 5, 2015, at 7:41 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Michael J. Winters

Deputy City Clerk Lucy Hallett

Minutes Approved: May 19, 2015