

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Kelly presiding

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 206

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:** City Commission members present: Bob Kelly, Bob Jones, Bill Bronson and Tracy Houck. Commissioner Fred Burow was excused. Also present were City Manager Greg Doyon; Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea; Public Works Director Jim Rearden; Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond; Fiscal Services Director Melissa Kinzler; City Attorney Sara Sexe; and Police Captain Jeff Newton.

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

**PROCLAMATION:** Commissioner Tracy Houck read a proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Richard Liebert**, 289 Boston Coulee Road, on behalf of Vets4Vets, Mr. Liebert thanked the Commission and community for its support with regard to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Stand Down. He further thanked the Commission for having the Cascade County Conservation District Board at the September 6 City Commission meeting.

With regard to the closing of Dimitris Restaurant, Mr. Liebert encouraged the community to help the owners concerning their Great Falls Development Authority loan.

Mayor Kelly pointed out that the Great Falls Development Authority meets Thursday, 8:00 a.m. at the Great Falls College MSU and that there is a time for public comment.

**Kathy Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, expressed disappointment with regard to comments made by members of the Commission at the September 20 City Commission meeting. She suggested speaking in a more civil manner in the future. She further expressed disappointment with regard to the County Commission's decision not to table such a complex subject since there was a disagreement with the City. She suggested that inquiring the State Attorney General's opinion is an option with regard to complex issues.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, commented that accusations were made against him by a member of the Commission at the September 20 City Commission meeting. Mr. Gessaman played an audio recording on a portion of Chairman Briggs' comments at the September 6

Cascade County meeting. He also submitted the draft minutes and a CD of the County Commission's September 6 meeting.

Mr. Gessaman concluded that what happened at the September 20, 2016 City Commission meeting was despicable.

**John Hubbard**, 615 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, commented that the special vote on the School Levy is costing tax payers money. Mr. Hubbard expressed opposition with regard to the Coal Fired Generator and ECP.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

#### **2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Kathy Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, announced that Neighborhood Council 3 will meet on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Riverview School. She noted that the Community Police Officer and Political Candidates will be presenting.

### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

#### **3. REAPPOINTMENTS, MANSFIELD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission reappoint Kelly Manzer, Allen Lanning and Pamela Bennett for additional three year terms through December 31, 2019, to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board.**

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Commissioner Bronson noted that the Mansfield Advisory Board is one of the most engaged Advisory boards.

Mayor Kelly concurred with Commissioner Bronson's comments.

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

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, expressed opposition to the policy with regard to reappointing members to the Boards and Commissions.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

#### **4. HOUSING AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD, BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD REPORT.**

Housing Authority Advisory Board Chairman Cal Gilbert, 610 20<sup>th</sup> Street South, reported that the Housing Authority Advisory Board provides affordable housing to citizens throughout the

city. He introduced board members present: Jim Weber, Joe Boyle, Tim McKittrick, and Marquita Ogawa. He also introduced Housing Authority Executive Director Kevin Hager. Chairman Gilbert discussed the annual budget revenue for the Housing Authority.

Chairman Gilbert pointed out that the Housing Authority Advisory Board acts as the loan committee for any loan rehabilitation applications that come through NeighborWorks. The Housing Authority Advisory Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Great Falls Housing Authority.

The Commission presented the board members with certificates recognizing them for the work that they do and thanking them for their service.

Housing Authority Advisory Board member Joe Boyle thanked City staff for their support with regard to the work that the Great Falls Housing Authority Advisory Board does.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from members of boards and commissions.

**CITY MANAGER**

6. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Manager Greg Doyon announced that he will be attending the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference the remainder of this week. Manager Doyon discussed his attendance and participation at the recent International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference.

He also pointed out that the recruitment for the Deputy City Manager position has been extended. With regard to the HR Director position, he noted that there are interviews scheduled for the following week.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

7. Minutes, September 20, 2016, Commission meeting.
8. Total expenditures of \$1,952,442 for the period of September 1, 2016, through September 21, 2016, to include claims over \$5,000 in the amount of \$1,664,205.
9. Contracts list.
10. Award a contract in the amount of \$63,988 to Central Excavation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Alley South/5<sup>th</sup> Street South Sanitary Sewer Reroute and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction documents. **OF 1695.2**

11. Approve Final Payment for the Central Avenue Drainage Improvements – 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Street project in the amount of \$3,692.13 to MRTE, Inc and \$37.29 to the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund and authorize the City Manager to make the payments. **OF 1631.7**
12. Approve a contract in the amount of \$109,293.20 to Industrial Automation Consulting, Inc. (IAC) for Professional Services associated with the Water Treatment Plant Filter Building and Hill 57 SCADA Upgrades, and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services documents. **OF 1519.9**
13. Approve an agreement with Montana Department of Transportation for funding and maintenance of a pedestrian improvement project and authorize the City Manager to execute the same. **OF 1711**

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

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

**Richard Liebert**, 289 Boston Coulee Road, referred to the September 20 Commission Meeting Minutes, Item 7, and pointed out that the minutes should note, “The Roger McConnell Memorial” at the Celtic Cowboy. Mr. Liebert further noted that Senator Tester and Senator Daines included Roger McConnell into the Congressional Record.

With regard to the September 6 Cascade County meeting, Mr. Liebert noted that he has the audio from that meeting. He further pointed out that he attended the meeting and was included in Peter Johnson’s article in the *Tribune*. Mr. Liebert read a portion of the draft minutes from the Cascade County Commission meeting.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, concurred with the previous speaker’s comments regarding Item 7. Mr. Gessaman discussed and provided the definition of “illegal” from the American College Dictionary.

Referring to Resolution 10072, Mr. Gessaman commented that the public is entitled to have five minutes to comment on every agenda item.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

14. **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR NEW WATER TOWER ON GORE HILL. OF 1625.2**

Public Works Director Jim Rearden discussed a few PowerPoint slides depicting the water tower and proposed site. Director Rearden reported that the existing Gore Hill Water Tower was put into service in 1963. Numerous Master Plans have indicated that it should be moved. He noted the water tower needs to be taller in order to provide better water pressure to the Airport area.

The existing water tower has developed numerous leaks. He noted that the water tower has become a critical piece of infrastructure. Director Rearden noted that numerous sites were considered for the new tank location. The 2004 Master Plan recommends moving the tank to the east side of the interstate to serve a broader area. Director Rearden discussed the advantages to the parcel proposed for purchase by the City. The new water tower would sit adjacent to the Crystal Inn.

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission approve the purchase of a portion of Tract 1 located in the East ½ of Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, in Cascade County, Montana for a purchase price not to exceed the appraised value of the land and authorize the City Manager to enter into all necessary documents and agreements to consummate the transaction.**

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

Commissioner Jones commented that the Commission is aware of the problems with the existing water tank. He noted that this would be a great project for the City.

Mayor Kelly received clarification with regard to the outcome of the current site.

Commissioner Houck expressed support with regard to the new location.

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

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, expressed satisfaction with regard to Housing Authority Advisory Board Chairman Gilbert's presentation. He noted that the financial details were provided.

With regard to Item 14, Mr. Gessaman expressed the importance of getting the new water tower as tall as possible in order to get the highest water pressure possible. He opined that low water pressure is a problem with some areas on the east end of town.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

### **CITY COMMISSION**

**15. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Commissioner Houck discussed Board and Commission openings on the City of Great Falls' webpage including: Parking Advisory, Audit Committee, Advisory Commission on International Relationships, Community Development Council and Regional Airport Authority.

Mayor Kelly announced that Commissioner Houck is a member of the Audit Committee. He noted that there is one opening available.

Mayor Kelly discussed events at the Great Falls Public Library. He encouraged citizens to visit the library.

**16. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.**

There were no Commission initiatives.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Mayor Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of October 4, 2016, at 7:57 p.m.**

Motion carried 4-0.

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Mayor Bob Kelly

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Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea

Minutes Approved: October 18, 2016