

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, November 18, 2024 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center
3000 15th Avenue South

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Tom Kotynski with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Howard Plouffe, Tom Kotynski, Eric Ray, Luella Vogel and 34 resident guests. Members not present: Dylan Lennox

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Jesse Slaughter gave a presentation on the current status of the County jail. He began by stating that “there is a lot going on”. The jail is no longer financially sustainable due to a number of reasons. One reason is that many inmates come to the jail with mental health issues. Housing these individuals requires specialized treatment not available due to financial limitations and staff shortage. The sheriff continued with other issues including, but not limited to, overcrowding, financial challenges, housing federal prisoners and probable influx with the future missile update. He said “He will work diligently to keep us safe”. He also said he frequently goes to the Legislature to keep them updated. They are currently hiring & applications are down significantly. They are down 15 officers now but 5 new officers are coming out of training. Slaughter gave the following suggestions: Lock your doors, don’t leave valuables in a vehicle, lock your vehicles and never leave it running. The non-emergency telephone number is 406-455-8599. The presentation was followed by a lengthy question and answer session.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The Long Range Transportation Plan is to be briefed to the City Council in regard to adding left turn arrows to the traffic lights on 10th avenue south at 20th and 23rd street. Also, the need for continuation of three traffic lanes on 10th avenue south up to 32nd street and reduction of the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph on 10th avenue beginning at 39th street and continuing East.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Eric and second by Howard. Eric reports no negative responses regarding the 32nd street intersection four way stop.

NEXT MEETING:

January 20th. Dylan Lennox, Council Technical Advisor, will discuss the merits of taking Council meetings remote.

The **February 17th** meeting will be at the Clinic Specialty Center at 7:00. Our guest speakers will be Katie Kakalecik, Mt Dept of Revenue; Paige Smith, Property Tax Supervisor and Sheri Paim, Assistant Property Tax department.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12. Motion by Howard and second by Tom.

Respectfully submitted,

Luella Vogel, Secretary