

1/14/15 7:03 PM

Meeting called to order saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance is taken by Miss Patera. Chair Strickland, Vice-Chair Manzer, Secretary Patera, Mr. McCoy, and Miss Olson present. A quorum is established.

New Business--

Election of Officers:

- Brittany Olson nominated for position of Secretary by Kelly Manzer, Sue Strickland seconds, unanimous decision.
- Shyla Patera nominated for position of Vice-Chair by Brittany Olson, Kelly Manzer seconds, unanimous decision.
- Sue Strickland nominated for Chair by Kelly Manzer, Shyla Patera seconds, unanimous decision.

Community Policing Officer:

- No paperwork yet as data is still being compiled.
- We spoke of clarification of boundaries for NHC#2 (versus data provided to us by Officer Stevens)- NW Bypass, East to River, West to "Out of Town" thefts are still our biggest concern in NCH#2. A map will be provided next time so we can see what the Police consider their boundaries versus the Council boundaries
- DEDACS is the high traffic areas, not including accidents or DUI's. Mostly property crimes, break-ins, burglaries.
- Looking to hire 5 in next testing cycle
- Animal Control Officers:
 1. are not sworn officers and do not carry weapons
 2. paid by city
 3. over seen by Officer Slavick
 4. do not have any enforcement other than animals
 5. 4 on staff currently
- Community Service Officers (van drivers at accident scene):
 1. are not sworn officers
 2. enforce traffic only
- Volunteer Program:
 1. no enforcement
 2. help out significantly with Junk Vehicle program getting about 700 vehicles towed last year alone
 3. have 1 car and also use bicycle patrol in summer months
- Have gotten a new MRAP Peacekeeper Vehicle for HRU team. Was surplus military vehicle that is now equipped with HRU items as well as rescue items for the winter months when the fire department and emergency response vehicles are unable to travel through snow. Our HRU unit is also Red Flag Certified meaning they can travel the state for incidents that are high risk
- Less transients in winter, usually do not ticket unless person is wanted, or the same person is creating a problem repeatedly.

- Is there a leash law in Wadsworth Park- consensus is yes
- Marianne asked a question about jury duty and was asked to call the number on the form

Other Business

Council of Councils Meeting

- City Manager will speak as well as the new Park & Rec director

Neighborhood Concerns

- Had a complaint about Westside Orchard Garden because of broken fences, pots, and debris scattered on property. Pallets and such strewn in garden area.
- Kelly is going to contact and see if Mike Dalton (director) would come speak to us for our next meeting about the future of that space
- Boys and Girls club vans are a nuisance to see around, especially in these winter months. This complaint will be directed to the GFPD
- Still looking into the Neighborhood Watch program. We are going to contact Michelle Meredith from West Elementary along with Eric Ray and Carol Bronson and Sue to get this going by possibly putting info in Wednesday envelopes. Brittany also thought of using our Little Free Library to make bookmarks promoting this idea. Brittany will contact Kathy Mora about this to get the okay
- Marianne inquired about when we could be declared a “disaster status” because of the snow. Sue and Mike said to call Dianne Kimball to get her road plowed. Debbie’s direct # is 771-1401 ext. 104 727-8637 is the PARTNER number for potholes, snow removal, etc and here is the link for the snow and ice removal
<http://m.greatfallsmt.net/publicworks/snow-and-ice-control>

Old Business

- Approval of November minutes as revised, motion by Mike and Sue 2nd
- Holman Building
 1. No letter has been written yet.
 2. Kelly questioned why we had to write a letter and it was stated that we had to have a nuisance letter submitted to Mr. Holman and the city to get things going.
 3. Kelly is instead going to invite Mr. Holman to talk about his building and see if Ellen Sievert can join him.
 4. We did find out if the building was torn down, the zoning has changed and nothing can be built in its place so it is best to preserve what is there.
- West Levee Update—Miss Mares was unable to attend there was no update.
- There will be a meet and greet for City and Council members on Tuesday February 3rd at 5:30 pm.

Our next meeting will be January 11th 7 pm.

Kelly Manzer made the motion to adjourn, Shyla Patera seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted, Brittany R. Olson