

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairperson Phyllis Hemstad. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Attendance was taken. Those present were Phyllis Hemstad, Kelly Manzer and SueAnn Strickland. Bob Mehlhoff was at Legislature in Helena and Dorothy Schmidt is still sick and waiting for doctor clearance to attend once again.

Minutes – Phyllis requested that the December 2012 minutes be corrected to reflect the entire voting process. It went as follows: Kelly Manzer nominated SueAnn Strickland for Chairperson, seconded by Bob Mehlhoff. Phyllis stated that it was the usual policy of our council to retain the elected post for the entire two years, and that she wished to retain her position as chairperson for the remaining year until elections. Bob then nominated Phyllis for the position of Chairperson. There was no second. Sue Strickland apologized stating that she did not realize that it was not time for the turnover in the elected positions and offered to take the position of secretary for the full term and asked Patty Cadwell how to go about this. Patty said that Sue could refuse the nomination, which she then did. As Bob was going to be in Helena with the Legislature, it was suggested that Dorothy Schmidt be put in the position of Vice Chairperson. Motion was made and passed to this effect. Remainder of the minutes were approved. Kelly Manzer made the motion, seconded by Sue Strickland, that in order to avoid continual confusion in the minutes that they be recorded by Patty. The vote was 2 for doing this and 1 against. Motion was passed and our meetings will now be recorded and said recording will become part of the public record.

West Levee Update – Sandy Mares reported that the interim report was due the middle of this month to various committees. It was requested from Senator Tester’s office to get a copy of the Interim Report. She now has Congressman Daines contact information. Cascade County maps are not finalized yet. The County is done with their part. DNRC and FEMA must approve them and then the City and County Commissioners must adopt them.

West Bank Park Update – Phyllis reported that HUD has removed any financing because of the one propane tank in close proximity to the park. With the possible construction of more in the former Westgate area if the zoning is changed, any financing will become a problem. The City does not furnish the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July display which is set off from West Bank Park. There is also a concern about setting off fireworks from the Park if the tank construction goes through.

New City Commissioner – Bob Kelly, the new City Commissioner who replaced Mary Jolley on the Commission was introduced and spoke briefly. Our feelings on West Bank Park were discussed with him.

Dawn Handa – Dept. of Corrections – Dawn Handa from the Department of Corrections spoke for one and one-half hours on the various aspects of the Department of Corrections. Montana is unique in the variety of programs available. Currently there are 850 felons that are being supervised locally, with 60 felons per case load. 80 percent are male. Various programs were discussed. Costs and recidivism rates were also described, with questions being taken throughout the presentation.

“Dog” Letter update – Patty Cadwell asked if we had heard anything further from the City on our letter asking for clarification between pet and kennel breeders. Patty somehow ended up once again with the letter for clarification, which she clarified as to what we were requesting and sent it back.

Bylaw modification – Kelly would like to see the words “within our boundary” in Article II Section I Meeting removed, as it is difficult in the summer if we have to call a special meeting to find someplace within our boundaries, as the school is closed. The Civic Center Gibson Room is always open to us for meetings. Phyllis wanted to wait until everyone is in attendance to vote on this. Kelly made a motion, seconded by SueAnn to remove these words. Motion passed 2 to 1.

Kelly discussed changing the order of our meetings to have the Neighborhood Concerns follow the Speakers, who would be first. All our committee reports would be last. Chair would limit the amount of time both the Speakers and the Neighborhood concerns would have to speak. Patty will re-set our agenda to reflect these changes.

Kelly spoke on the Board of Horseracing hoping to have horse racing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and then have people stay and watch the fireworks from the grandstands.

Discussion was held concerning the upcoming Industrial Zoning next Tuesday.

SueAnn brought up the fact that the lights have been removed from the pedestrian crosswalk on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South West, making it very dangerous to cross without them flashing. The Posts and buttons are still there, but the lights have been removed from the crossarms. She will call Steve Prinzing at MDOT for answers, hopefully.

Viaduct Park was discussed, with a meeting coming up on Monday. Russian Olive tree eradication was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SueAnn Strickland, Secretary