

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Phyllis Hemstad at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Attendance was taken by Secretary SueAnn Strickland. Those present were Phyllis Hemstad , Dorothy Schmidt, SueAnn Strickland. Those absent were Kelly Manzer (at a County Commission Meeting) and Robert Mehlhoff (at Legislature).

Quorum was established.

New Business – Bob Moretti and Johnny Walker, School Board Trustees, gave an informative talk concerning Great Falls Public Schools. We currently have more than 10,000 students enrolled. Most of who are in the lower grades. The education system is experiencing money cuts. Teachers' raises are geared to seniority, education, etc. All our schools are over 50 years old and will some day require renovation or replacement. Eighty percent of the school budget comes from the Legislature with 20% from Levees. Question and answer period followed.

Lt. Scott Van Dyken was unable to come and give his presentation on Child Abuse Detection.

Charles Boccock, 51 Prospect Drive, presented a petition to put an Initiative on the Nov. Ballot for the people to vote on whether or not they want urban chickens.

Neighborhood Concerns—Charlie McCune 1007 2nd Ave. S. W. spoke regarding problems with the trailer court on the hill behind Double Barrel Café—junk vehicles, vandalism, etc. It was suggested to call Heather at the City on the vehicles and the police on the vandalism and juvenile problems.

MaryAnn Komar, 1416 2nd Ave N.W., would like to see a fence around the junk vehicles, etc. at 1500 and 1504 First Ave. N.W. It is zoned Commercial. She was told to document with whom she spoke at the City and to continue to call. However, the City has no money for abatement.

Park land was discussed. Kelly will check further with Marty Basta on Viaduct Park . Sue made a motion that Marty Basta come and speak at a meeting regarding the parks and the latest developments. This was seconded by Dorothy. The vote was: Sue and Dorothy for and Phyllis against. Motion carried.

Sue reported further on the Pedestrian Crossing light situation on 6th St and 2nd Ave. S.W. The State has removed the push button poles and taken down the lights but has left up the signage.

West Levee – no one present to give an update.

Kirk Robinson 300 9th Ave. S.W. asked if anyone had heard further about his dog question. Still no answer from the interim City Attorney.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sue, seconded by Dorothy at 8:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted.

SueAnn Strickland, Secretary