

A COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITY CENTER AND STARTED AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Poss called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Poss asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Byerly, Doney, Gremaux, Hewitt, Poss, Putnam and Turk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes as presented and Commissioner Turk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COURTESIES

There were none.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Doney reported that she was unable to attend the Local Government Study Commission on September 11th. Commissioner Doney stated that she did read the minutes and it looks like they reviewed the Whitefish charter.

Commissioner Turk reported that she attended the Library meeting on September 10th. Commissioner Turk commented that the drivet on the outside of the building was discussed. The Friends of the Library are going to provide the board with a report of how much they are making monthly on the book sales at the book station. Commissioner Turk stated that Fergus County voted on their budget and they did give the Library an additional \$1,000 for her budget and it will be used to purchase books or to offset the increased costs of Montana Library 2 go.

Commissioner Byerly reported that the Central Montana Health District Board is in the process of negotiating a lease which would allow the health district to combine three different offices in one place and the hope is to have better efficiency.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Kevin Myhre reported on the following issues:

Century Construction has completed the street chip seal project. The weather was warm and the project seemed to go smoothly. Public Works staff assisted with traffic control and public notifications. Public Works will be working on getting the areas swept in the upcoming weeks.

The water department recently fixed a leak in the older eight inch line at the airport in the area of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks building. The crew also replaced a smaller line behind Centana Communications with a smaller new line to serve two previous services at that location. The older line had been repaired several times over the past few years.

The City Manager has spoken with several citizens who have complained about odors from the Wastewater Facility in recent years and have been told that the odors had been reduced greatly this summer. Typically odors are more prevalent in hot periods following rain. We have a couple of times this summer that could have produced increased odors but the City did not receive complaints. We are hoping that the changes that have been made at the facility have been beneficial but we will continue to monitor the situation. Wind speeds and directions are also a major factor in the number of complaints received in past years.

The Public Works Department recently worked with a consultant to complete inspections on the flood control reservoirs maintained by the City. No major deficiencies were found. The video of the Pike Creek Reservoir outlet pipe did show some deterioration of one section of the outflow pipe. Staff will work with a NRCS representatives to determine the best way to repair the area.

The water tanks were recently inspected by consultants to determine any needs at the facility. Some painting needs were identified but no major deficiencies were noted. We are waiting to receive the final report to make plans for necessary work.

During the week of September 14th the City Manager attended regular meetings of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to update their members on community efforts, City operations and answer any questions about issues in the community or with the City. The City Manager is scheduled to meet with the Chamber of Commerce Board in October.

Mr. Myhre stated that the MSU Northern program is evaluating their program and I have sent a letter of support for the program and the information has been sent to the commission if they would also like to send a letter of support.

Commissioner Byerly commented that the presentation at Rotary was outstanding.

Commissioner Doney thanked the Public Works Director for all the work and accommodations that were made when chip sealing because of a trial at the courthouse.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Putnam made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Gremaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda was made up of the acknowledgement of the claims that have been paid from September 1, 2015 to September 15, 2015 for a total of \$47,172.86.

REGULAR AGENDA – Resolutions, Ordinances & Other Action Items:

1. Discussion and action on Resolution No. 3895, a resolution of the City Commissioners of City of Lewistown, Montana, authorizing the issuance of \$1,456,000 principal amount of its swimming pool revenue bond, Series 2015, to construct improvements to and renovate the City swimming pool; fixing the date, form, maturity, interest rate, terms and covenants of such revenue bond; providing for the registration and authentication of said revenue bond; providing for the collection, handling and disposition of revenue for the payment of the bond from the funds collected by the recently created Fergus County Recreation District; creating certain funds and accounts; authorizing the sale and delivery of said revenue bond; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto

Mr. Myhre explained that the whole pool improvement project is about \$2.7 million and will be funded from a variety of sources. Mr. Myhre stated that the funding sources are from the newly created Recreation District, donations made to the City and to the Friend of the Pool and there are some grants also. This resolution is for a bond in the amount of \$1,456,000 that will be paid from the Fergus County Recreation District that was created by the voters. Mr. Myhre explained that the City procured bond counsel as part of the process to sell bonds and First Bank of Montana is going to purchase the bonds with an interest rate of 3.5%. Mr. Myhre further explained that this bond resolution puts together the process to sell the bonds and the process to make the payments and how the funds will be collected. Mr. Myhre stated the bond closing will be October 13, 2015. Commissioner Gremaux made the motion to approve Resolution No. 3895, a resolution of the City Commissioners of City of Lewistown, Montana, authorizing the issuance of \$1,456,000 principal amount of its swimming pool revenue bond, Series 2015, to construct improvements to and renovate the City swimming pool; fixing the date, form, maturity, interest rate, terms and covenants of such revenue bond; providing for the registration and authentication of said revenue bond; providing for the collection, handling and disposition of revenue for the payment of the bond from the funds collected by the recently created Fergus County Recreation District; creating certain funds and accounts; authorizing the sale and delivery of said revenue bond; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto and Commissioner Doney seconded the motion. Commissioner Turk asked if we knew the number of dwellings there were for the district. Mr. Myhre answered that they do not have a solid number yet and are continuing to put the fee on the taxes but do feel the number will be sufficient to cover the costs of the bond. Commissioner Poss asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on authorizing the City Manager to apply for a DNRC Reclamation and Development Planning Grant to investigate the nature and extent of possible contamination associated with a former lessee's use of City property

Mr. Myhre explained that in the 1960's the City had a site that was operated as a land fill that was located just east of Marcella. The landfill was closed in the late 60's and two private companies started up a landfill. In 1968, the property was leased to a private individual that used the property for a post and pole treatment business. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is aware that was done on that property and they are trying to find out if the site is clean. The City was contacted earlier this year and requested to work on sampling on that property and stated that they would help put the project together and help with the funding. Mr. Myhre stated that he feels it is in the best interest of the City to make sure it is clean. Mr. Myhre explained that DEQ has put together is grant application for the City to apply for a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Reclamation and Development Planning Grant to fund the evaluation. The RFQ has been done by DEQ. Mr. Myhre stated that DEQ has asked the City to make application and there will be some in kind work provided by the Public Works Department. Further discussion followed. Commissioner Doney made the motion to approve authorizing the City Manager to apply for a DNRC Reclamation and Development Planning Grant to investigate the nature and extent of possible contamination associated with a former lessee's use of City property and Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Commissioner Poss asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONER'S MINUTE

Commissioner Hewitt asked if the City has received the results of the cleanup study on East Main Street. Mr. Myhre stated that overall it appears the contamination is pretty isolated and it will still need some cleanup. Mr. Myhre thinks the cleanup will be within the value of the property.

Commissioner Byerly reported that he met with constituents in his ward and they have some questions regarding drainage. Commissioner Byerly asked what the protocol is to get information regarding different issues and should we work through the City Manager or the individual department heads. Mr. Myhre answered that preliminarily he would like to be able to direct you to the department heads so that he can keep track of how much contact is being made with department heads. Mr. Myhre stated the critical issue is that you get the answer and in a reasonable amount of time.

Mr. Myhre informed the Commission that Mr. Zane Fulbright was in the audience and he just received an award for some rehabilitation. Mr. Myhre stated that Mr. Fulbright was also one of the people that helped get the rehabilitation of the missile.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Poss adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2015.

Rick Poss, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Brummond, City Clerk