

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting # 1603 on Monday, April 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Peggy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed, Prayer was led by Cornelia Marlis Suzie Binkley, and Roll Call commenced. Present were Mayor Peggy Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zachariah McNew, Kristin Smith, City Administrator Sam Sikes, Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold, (via Zoom) Councilor Hugh Taylor, and Attorney Dean Chisholm.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approval of City Council Minutes #1601 dated 21 March 2002:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve City Council Minutes #1601, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Announcements: Mayor Williams announced the City's new utility bill and website payment services available on April 28th. An Arbor Day celebration will be held on the 29th at 4 pm, with a proclamation and discussion about trees that have been planted. No trees will be planted this year and are looking at trees that will need to be replaced in the future.

Committee Reports:

Administrator: Administrator Sikes reported the Streets Department have been cleaning streets with the sweeper, filling potholes, and removing danger limbs from city trees and two seasonal workers have been hired.

On May 18th a meeting will be held with Rick Hubbard, Flathead Electric engineer, for placement of three lights along Commerce Way and City Hall will be replacing outdoor lights for safety.

Mr. Sike announced 20 water meters have been used to finish the water improvement project leaving 16 water meters on hand. An order for more meters has been delayed due to unavailability and recommended putting it to committee to discuss a solution for hookups.

Suzie Binkley inquired about the Cabinet Height water connection issue and asked if it has previously been discussed.

Park District Manager:

Tony Petrusha, 559 Florence Rd., reported a vote was made to continue evaluating options for a pool project and plan to archive the information to keep it together for future use.

LORA (Libby Outdoor Recreation Organization) has registered with Montana State as a tax-exempt charitable entity and has been meeting remotely to manage the organization and focusing on Flower Creek trail development. Have been working with the Forest Service for easements with trail projects. Mr. Petrusha explained the location of different trails they have been working on.

LORA pursued a grant with Recreational Trails Program (RTP) from Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and was rejected but will try again next year.

Flower Creek Road is upgraded, paving to be completed in mid-July, with funding from RAC grant and County Roads.

Dave Kemmerer, 124 Pioneer, inquired about the use of motorized vehicles. Mr. Petrusha explained the areas motorized vehicles could be used.

Councilor Smith asked if the City could store the archives for the pool project. Mr. Petrusha said there were about three banker boxes. Mr. Sikes agreed to store the archives at City Hall.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Jeff Barger, 991 Vinal Lake Rd. Troy, explained his admiration for Paul Bunn and things he has done for him personally and for the community. Mr. Barge inquired about the City reviving a Man of the Year recognition.

Mick Shane, retired from Corp of Engineers, spoke highly of Paul Bunn and explained how he treats people with kindness and things he has done for the community and asked he be recognized for his accomplishments.

Jeff Sharp, director of KPFL, gave an update on the animal shelter. A decision was made on the contractor for the roof and the work will begin this week and will be installing a backup generator for the shelter.

Diana Dixon, 102 W. Balsam, spoke about Paul Bunn and asked if he could be recognized for the multiple things he has done for the community.

Martha Cervantes, 991 Vinal Lake Rd. Troy, spoke about Paul Bunn and inquired about how to go about requesting recognition for him. Mayor Williams informed her the request would have to be in writing. Councilor Smith suggested speaking with the Chamber of Commerce because they annually solicit names of people that do great things for the community to honor.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approve Bid and Authorize Mayor's Signature for Notice of Award, IPS Auxiliary Bar Screen:

Mike Fraser, City Engineer, reported April 4th 2 bids were received. Dick Anderson Construction \$1.3 million and TCI (Thompson Construction Inc) \$694,000. Money for the project was from grant money received in 2020, \$478,000 will be paired with \$573,000 ARPA funding. A sewer line near Johnie's Auto will be replaced with the remaining funds. Materials will take about 6 months to receive and the project will begin in winter 2022-2023. Mr. Fraser explained the screen would be smaller than the current screen to filter out larger debris. Councilor Beach and Mr. Fraser discussed the time of year the project should take place.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve Bid and Authorize Mayor's Signature for Notice of Award, IPS Auxiliary Bar Screen, and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all business license applications received to date:

Adex Roofing and Libby Tech by Andrew.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve all business license applications received to date, and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business:

IP negotiations: No update.

Public Comments: None

General Comments from the Council:

Mayor Williams announce the letter Council received from the auditors about 2020-2021 audit which should be completed by June.

Adjournment:

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk/Treasurer Leann Monigold