

A COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 21, 2012 WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNITY CENTER AND STARTED AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gremaux called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Berry, Doney, Gremaux, Hewitt, Phillips, Putnam and Turk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Turk made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 7, 2012 meeting and Commissioner Doney seconded the motion. Commissioner Putnam abstained. The rest of the Commission voted in favor of approving the minutes.

COURTESIES

There were none.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Turk reported that she attended a Zoning Commission meeting and they have not approved the request from Ms. Janet Luciano and will meet again in two weeks.

Commissioner Phillips reported that he attended a Central Montana Dispatch Board meeting and they approved the purchase of a new phone system for 911 dispatch. It is on the agenda for approval by the Commission tonight.

Commissioner Gremaux reported that he attended a Library Board meeting and the landscaping at the Library has started.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Kevin Myhre reported on the following issues:

City crews have been busy working in the cemetery to prepare it for Memorial Day. Each year the majority of the Public Works staff are temporarily assigned to assist in the mowing, trimming and other preparations of the cemetery for the holiday. This year our crew is replacing a large culvert that was washing out on the main road into the cemetery.

The City is currently advertising the reconstruction project of the East Fork Reservoir Road. We received the engineer's specs of the project and then forwarded them onto NRCS who sent the City a letter stating that they did not like some of the specs and how FEMA wanted things done. We will be working on this issue and get it worked out as soon as possible.

The City Manager met with representatives from the Airport Board and Steve Engebrect from the FAA to discuss the possible options for purchasing an AARF truck and a building to house the truck. It sounds like the airport will be required to buy the truck and provide up to 10% of the funding for it. Most likely there will be additional funds to build a building for the truck at the airport even if the truck is planned to be kept at the City Complex with the current response plan. That may provide the City with additional storage space for displaced equipment.

Commissioners Putnam and Hewitt and the City Manager attended the Oil Impact meeting at the Yogo Inn on May 14th and 15th. The City Manager felt that the meeting was very beneficial and those who attended were able to ask questions and discuss the issues facing the impacted communities.

The Montana Department of Corrections and the Mt Department of Health and Human Services are in Lewistown on Friday, May 18, 2012 to discuss their plans to fill a vacant wing at the facility with approximately 25 inmates with serious physical infirmities from the Montana State Prison. The expansion would add many new jobs to the Lewistown area as well as the additional services needed for the increased capacity. The Lewistown facility once held up to 200 persons and currently houses approximately 80 patients with mental issues.

Alec Hanson, Director of the League of Cities and Towns, will be in Lewistown on Monday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m. to meet with the district 5 city representatives to discuss the issues facing Montana communities and legislative issues. The meeting will be held in the City Complex training room. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

The Port Authority has requested a meeting with the County and City Commissioners, Snowy Mountain Development Corporation and other development partners to discuss growth issues. The meeting is scheduled for June 5th from 1 to 5 at the Yogo Inn.

There is a public bathroom area at the fishing access near Brewery Flats has been out of order this last year because of the flooding. Fish wildlife and parks does not like the location of the bathroom and if the City is interested in taking ownership of the building they would surplus it out to the City. It could then be moved to the roundhouse property. Commissioner Putnam commented that if they wanted to move it that would be fine. Mr. Myhre commented that he will tell Fish Wildlife and Parks that if they relocate the bathroom to a new location then the City would then assume responsibility of it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Putnam made the motion to approve the acknowledgement of the claims that have been paid from May 1, 2012 to May 11, 2012 for a total of \$53,391.41 and Commissioner Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA – Resolutions, Ordinances & Other Action Items:

1. Cancelled notice of public hearing to consider request by Janet Luciano for a conditional use permit to operate the Dance Syndicate on property located at 624 W Washington.
2. Discussion and action on first reading of Ordinance No. 1744, amending Chapter 9, Title 10 of the Lewistown City Code pertaining to the speed limit around Frank Day Park and the posting of appropriate signage

Mr. Myhre explained that often times gets criticized for not enforcing the 10 mile an hour speed limit around City Frank Day Park year round. The ordinance states that the 10 mile an hour speed limit is a

seasonal speed limit. Mr. Myhre further explained that the speed limit signs are to be put up prior to July 1st and taken down September 15th of each year per the original ordinance. Mr. Myhre commented that he has discussed this issue with the Police Department several times and it does not make any sense that the time frame would be from July 1st to September 15th because the pool opens June 1st and school is back in session by the end of August each year. Mr. Myhre commented that if the Commission feels that there should be a lower speed limit around the park then after discussion with the City Attorney and Police Department he would recommend adjusting the dates to June 1st to September 1st and add Earl Street. The proposed ordinance would basically have a 10 mile an hour speed limit all around Frank Day Park from June 1st to September 1st. Commissioner Putnam suggested making Cook Avenue 10 mile an hour six months instead of just the summer months because the park is used year around. Commissioner Phillips suggested making it 10 mile an hour year around. Further discussion followed. Mr. Myhre explained that some would like the speed limit changed to 15 mile an hour, but to do that a traffic study must be done and if the traffic study does not warrant a change it will not be changed. Commissioner Doney made the motion to amend the ordinance to read 10 mile an hour year round and Commissioner Turk seconded the motion. Commissioner Gremaux asked for comments from the audience and Commission. There being none, the question was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and action on approving the purchase of a new phone system for E911 Dispatch and the City complex

Mr. Myhre explained that the most expensive part of a dispatch center is the 911 phone system. Mr. Myhre further explained that in 2005 the current 911 system was put into place and at that time a new phone system was put into the City complex and public works building so that everyone was on the same system and could communicate more effectively. Mr. Myhre commented that the current system we have after next year will no longer be serviced by Motorola and the phone system is having some problems and just quit on us one day. The City has gone out to bid for replacement of the enhanced 911 ANI/ALI system and a compatible phone system for City complex and public works. The City only received one bid which is typical and the only bidder was Industrial Communications. Further discussion followed. Mr. Myhre explained that the purchase of the 911 system was approved by the Central Montana Dispatch Board to use 911 funds which is what that board has authority over. Then the City Commission has final approval on the purchase. Mr. Myhre further explained that if the City Commission approves this purchase tonight then he will be negotiating the costs down. Mr. Myhre has looked at the cost benefits of all the Civic Center onto the phone system and will be removing that completely and will be leaving the public works phone system on the city complex system. Commissioner Phillips stated that the purchase of the phone system is necessary and that when the 911 system went down it was not a good feeling and luckily it did come back up. Commissioner Phillips further stated that the phone system is no longer supported and the 911 phone system is not going to be supported next year. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to accept the bid from Industrial Communications at \$414,000 with the ability to renegotiate removing unnecessary options and the ability to order lower model phones and Commissioner Doney seconded the motion. Commissioner Gremaux 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 Turk commented that she continues to received phone calls from Stainbrooks and that the City Attorney was to mail something to them and they have not received it. The Stainbrooks also feel that the dog barking limits needs to be changed in the ordinance. Mr. Myhre advised that the Stainbrooks needs to contact the City Attorney. Mr. Myhre commented that we are still looking at the changes to the licensing to bring back before the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Doney commented that she was at a public hearing last week and Mr. Roi Young is planning to sue the City because the east fork road is inappropriately placed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gremaux adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2012.

Frank Gremaux, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Brummond, City Clerk