

**MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 28, 2017 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A Council Workshop was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Council President Doug Poehls at 6:30 p.m. on March 28, 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<u> </u> x Emelie Eaton	<u> </u> x Doug Poehls
<u> </u> x Bruce McGee	<u> </u> x Richard Herr
<u> </u> x Chuck Dickerson	<u> </u> x Scot Stokes
<u> </u> x Tom Nelson	<u> </u> x Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

No staff present

Public Input

There was no public input.

General items

- Appointments
 - City-County Planning Board

Gary Colley submitted a letter of interest to serve on the City-County Planning Board. The appointment will be on the April 4th council agenda.

- Police Commission

Tony Krumheuer submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Police Commission. The appointment will be on the April 4th council agenda.

Executive Review

- Council Issues:
 - Update on 2011 Yellowstone River flooding event

Mayor Mace stated that there was some action at the Legislature recently.

Tom Nelson attended today's construction meeting for the water intake. At the meeting, the intake plan was passed out and there was discussion about the needed riprap and sheet piling and the manifold in the intake. The contractor is working with NorthWestern Energy to get power to the building and some meetings on operational details are going on. The contractor will ask for an extension and they are doing everything possible to get done in the river before high water.

Other items

There were no other items.

Review of draft council agenda for April 4, 2017

There was no discussion.

Attendance at the April 4, 2017 council meeting

Tom might not attend the meeting.

Announcements

Doug thanked Tom and Heidi for their efforts in testifying in front of the Montana Legislature last week.

Mayor Mace thanked Tom and Heidi for their work and thanked Doug for filling in for him while he was gone.

Bill thanked Tom and Heidi for the time and effort they put in.

Bill mentioned that Irv Wilke asked him to let the council know that they trained 114 children from Billings, Park City and Laurel in Hunter's Safety last Saturday.

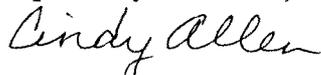
Bruce stated that the Police Department and other agencies did a fantastic job yesterday of taking care of a dangerous situation in this community. People from infancy to adulthood could have been seriously hurt or killed. The near disaster that almost occurred in the community would have felt much different if it had turned into that. Bruce encouraged the council and budget committee to work toward a goal of having at least two officers on duty in the middle of the night, instead of just one. He thinks that the community is growing to the point of needing to increase the middle-of-the-night police presence because an officer to help an officer is so far away when disaster strikes. If that is not done, the council could be having a much different discussion. This could have been disastrous for the police department and other agencies, as well as the citizens.

Tom thinks that the calls in the early morning hours are typically some of the most challenging calls that the police department receives, due to the time of the day.

Tom explained that there was a third reading on the bill in the House today, and he assumes that it mirrored the second reading. There was not a first reading because the committee unanimously passed the bill. The bill will go to the Senate next, and Tom plans to be in Helena when the bill goes before the Senate. He hopes it will pass through the Senate with a fairly decent margin. Then it should go to the Governor for him to either allow it to pass without a signature or, if he should veto it at the eleventh hour, hopefully the Legislature would still be in session so it could look at an override to the veto if we get to that point. There is still a little challenge ahead.

The council workshop adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Allen
Council Secretary

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.