

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julian Theriault with the following members present:

1 <sup>st</sup> Ward-----	Mike Eby George Kirkwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward-----	Heith Stidham Sara Driemeyer

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the last meetings. George Kirkwood motioned to accept the regular minutes as presented. Heith Stidham and Mike Eby, seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Public Discussion - The Mayor asked if there was any public discussion.

Sheriff's Report - Nothing on the Sheriff's Report.

City Fire Report - The Fire Chief, Otto Ohlson, said that they are doing testing right now and there have been a couple of chimney fires. Otto Ohlson said that the Fire Department applied for a \$20,000 Bair Grant. Otto Ohlson said that the Fire Department will be needing to replace hoses again.

Sewer Project -The Mayor will reschedule the May 11<sup>th</sup> update on the Sewer Project with Brad Koenig.

2 Bassett Brewery - closing side street -special event - 2 Bassett Brewery, Barry Hedrich, presented a request to block off Second Street next to 2 Bassett Brewery for a BQ on the July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend. George Kirkwood, Heith Stidham, and Mike Eby agreed to grant the request and have the North/South sides barricaded off with the City Crews help.

State Gravel - The Mayor said that the State has not responded on the gravel yet.

Sand Filter - The Mayor said that the Sand Filter is drying out now and then will be cleaned next week.

Animal Control - Dog Policy - The Sheriff has reviewed the dog policy and will be bringing changes to the next meeting.

Airport-Weather Station - The Mayor said that the Airport-Weather Station will be tabled until more information is presented. The Council would like a more formal informational presentation from the airport manager, Curt Burns, and the engineer about the project before making a commitment. The Mayor should also be more involved in the airport. The Mayor is going to talk with the County Commissioners tomorrow.

Water Wells – Tabled.

Joanne's Park – Kelly Huffield – Kelly Huffield presented a group proposed plan on the park structure improvements for the summer.

#### **Park Structure Improvement**

**Funds available** - \$20,000 raised from the 2015 & 2016 4<sup>th</sup> of July Race for this Place and community barbecue, \$20,000 Bair Family Foundation Grant and \$5,000 from Linda Ward O'Hare (Castle Mtn Ranch) earmarked for a small band shelter at Joanna's Park. Money is the Meagher County Community Foundations account.

#### **Projects**

- **Joanna's Park**

Move the kiosk to Twin Sisters Trading Company parking lot, Chamber VIC center.  
Remove rocks and put down sod or plant grass and relocate the rock with the plaque on it or remove rock and put plaque on shelter.

Shelter – remove railings, power wash and stain. Put a sign on shelter that says 'Joanna Dixon Memorial Park'.

Remove the 2 trees & shrubs and the back of the park. We would leave the pine trees and plant flowering trees at various locations in park.

Put a small band shelter in front of the pine trees with the opening towards the southeast.

Put the 30<sup>th</sup> carriage light in the park.

We also need to recognize the generous donations that have given us this opportunity to improve and beautify our local parks.

- **Rader Park**

Rebuild the Fort Logan replica and move to a different and place on a cement slab.

Power wash and stain the picnic shelter on both to north and south sides of the park.

- **Bair Family Park** – help with the expense of improving the playground area.

- Church signs- replace and light, possible heading **Community Fellowship**
- Put a processed hole at the Courthouse for a Christmas tree
- Possibly replace and add garbage cans on Main Street

Kelly Huffield said that is was brought up about by Beth Hunt having a fireplace built, but might not be able to this with liability issues. The Mayor suggested having the City Crew and others from the Council look it over and see what all they are planning on.

Kelly Huffield said that the street lights are already paid for and the last of the two carriage lights will be put up in the summer. The plaques will be put up soon this summer on Main Street. Kelly Huffield said that she is waiting on the permits to have the flags clamped on the street lights hopefully by Memorial Day.

Chicken Shack - Mark McDanel - Mark and Stephanie McDanel are requesting water/sewer connection to the Chicken Shack building. The sewer line is on Hampton in the alley. The City Crew will have to trace the water line and see what the size of the pipe is for the estimate costs. Mark McDanel said that he knows that there will be a cost to connect and he is prepared to pay this.

Resolution #584 - Growth Policy - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Mike Eby motioned to approve Resolution #584 Growth Policy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Jim Richard said that the Resolution extended this out to 3 years on page 52-53 to provide a more flexible schedule to the target timetable. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. Susan Wordal will write up the Ordinance at a later date.

Jennifer Frazer - Planting Trees/Park Improvements - Jennifer Frazer and Kelly Huffield are still working on the park improvements project.

Dave Wendt - Property - Nothing.

Resolutions and Ordinances - Susan Wordal is working on the Resolutions and Ordinances.

Future Business - The Mayor asked if there were any future business.

Public Works Report - The Mayor said that he does not know why no one from the City Crew was here.

Mayor Comments - The Mayor said that a resident asked about the public tennis court and that they would like to see the City fix up the tennis courts so that they could be used again. The Mayor said that the tennis court was donated to the City with the stipulations that it is to be used as a tennis court. It was brought up to replace the court with either a new concrete court, a new clay court, or pouring a new court over the old court. It was also brought up to add some striping to the new court for both a tennis court and a pickle ball court. The Mayor said that he is going to look into the costs of refurbishing the court and go to Helena and look for CDBG grants to help cover the cost. The Mayor said that he was going to look into pickle ball also. The Mayor said that John Adams passed his second water test and will now increase by .50 cents an hour. John Adams will now work on studying for his sewer test. The Mayor said that the 4,200 yards of gravel has not been paid and this will come out of the \$400,000 left on the sewer project. The Mayor said that Brown Street is needing 4 blocks of water/sewer lines. Kelly Huffield brought back the notebook from the Study Commission and the recorder.

Pay the Bills - Mayor Julian Theriault asked the Council if there is a motion to pay the bills. George Kirkwood motioned to pay the bills as presented. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Kirkwood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

  
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Michelle Stidham - Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Julian A. Theriault - Mayor