



**TROY CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall – 519 S. Main St., Troy, Idaho  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 5 PM**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Corr called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

- **PRESENT:** Mayor: Steve Corr, Councilors: Bill Abbott, Patrick Cordova, Cindy Gray
- **ABSENT:** Mike Yenney, Olivia Bottini
- **STAFF:** Clerk/Treasurer: Sabrina Moyer; Maintenance Staff: Dale Howe; City Attorney: Todd Richardson; City Accountant: Greg Mann; City Forester: Rich Schafer; City Engineer: Ryan Rheder
- **Guests:** Ken Grasser, Heather Nelson, Emily Raasch, Olivia Tyler, Danene Johnson

- **AMENDMENT TO AGENDA: FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Addition of Good Faith Reason:** The City Clerk encountered challenges in reaching Accountant Greg Mann regarding the upcoming council meeting and the discussion of the FY24 proposed budget. Due to Mr. Mann's vacation, the City Clerk was unable to establish contact until the day prior to the meeting. The City Clerk believed it to be essential to ensure Mr. Mann's participation and insights in the budget discussion. Councilwoman Cindy Gray moved to amend the agenda to include accountant Greg Mann to discuss the FY24 Proposed Budget. Councilman Bill Abbott seconded the motion. ***Motion passed by unanimous consent.***

- ✓ **MINUTES:** Councilman Bill Abbott motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from 07/19/23 and the Emergency meeting minutes from 08/03/23. Councilwoman Cindy Gray seconded the motion. ***Motion carried.***
- ✓ **CLAIM APPROVALS:** Councilwoman Cindy Gray motioned to approve the claims/bills presented for August 2023. It was seconded by Councilman Bill Abbott. ***Motion carried.***
- ✓ **MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Dale Howe reported updates on the Twin Creeks Well stating that the transducer did detect water and the reason as to why the well is not functioning properly remains unresolved. However, there is a strong possibility that it is the actual pump failing since it is over 12 years old. A decision to pull and replace the pump might happen soon, requiring a few days since a new one will have to be custom produced according to the Well specs. Additionally, Dale reported that the filtration plant has been cleaned.
- ✓ **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** N/A

**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE & WASTEWATER BOND ELECTION TIMING:** Ryan Rheder was present and reported that there are significant Wastewater improvements planned over the next few years. The city applied for funding through the State Revolving Loan program and was ranked third in the state for clean water funding, a competitive achievement. Funding has come from various sources including ARPA funds and the bipartisan infrastructure law. The city received a grant of \$9 million for a project worth \$13 million. The loan debt portion of the project amounts to approx. \$4.3 million. While the grant is substantial, the loan requires consideration due to its size and to qualify for loan funding, a notice of intent to apply must be sent to DEQ by September 1. Funding necessitates a bond election to authorize borrowing for the loan portion, possibly in May 2024, due to potential challenges during the general election in November 2023. The facility plan needs to be completed by the end of the year and the application by March 2024. The project aims to transition towards land application, reducing reliance on DEQ permits and ensuring a longer-lasting solution. This shift aligns with a statewide trend. A wildcard element is land acquisition, a community effort requiring engagement from



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the city and residents to identify suitable land, preferably close to the treatment plant and approx. 150 Acre range. After discussion, Councilwoman Cindy Gray made a motion to approve that the City Clerk respond to DEQ with a notice of intent to apply for funding by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Councilman Bill Abbott seconded the motion. ***Motion carried.***

- **FORESTRY PROPOSAL:** Rich Schaefer was present to discuss the Forestry Proposal. In summary, there was no timber management in 2022, but the recent tree planting has been successful. However, several areas that haven't been harvested in a long time need selective cutting to maintain forest health and utilize the timber. The proposal is to put up timber sales and thin out areas of overcrowded trees. The goal is to capture valuable timber and maintain forest vitality. The process involves advertising the bid, receiving bids from logging contractors, and ultimately awarding contracts. Lumber prices are favorable, but the shortage of logging contractors may impact availability. This proactive approach aims to keep the forest healthy and economically viable. The details will be shared, and the council will have input on awarding contracts. After discussion, Councilman Bill Abbott made a motion to allow a Rich Schaefer to identify harvest units on the mountain and select the 20–30-acre area for commercial thinning. Councilman Patrick Cordova seconded the motion. ***Motion carried.***
- **POST OFFICE TREE REMOVAL:** The Post Office had acquired land with the understanding that the City would be responsible for maintaining a 20 foot strip, including trees and a sidewalk. However, in 2007, the city decided not to maintain that strip anymore. Since then, no maintenance has been performed by either entity. The current condition of the sidewalk is concerning. The trees' growth and root systems has created issues with the sidewalk and might not be salvageable. The post office has reached out to contractors and one option is to allow the postal service to remove the trees and sidewalk while the other option would be for the city to take full responsibility for the project. Either way, everyone agreed that the goal is to maintain the area around the War Memorial wall. The idea of preserving shade and beautification is appealing, but the practicality and costs can be high. After discussion, Councilman Patrick Cordova made a motion to allow the postal service to proceed with the project and remove the trees in question. Councilman Bill Abbott seconded the motion. ***Motion carried.***
- **OLIVIA TYLER:** Olivia Tyler was present to give an update on her senior project which involves revitalizing the Volleyball court at the City Park. In brief, there is a plan to remove sand on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and an excavation company is donating materials for this process. The City will allow her to fill the Dump Truck with the old sand to be later transported to the upper dump by the maintenance department. Additionally, a quote has been obtained for new sand to be delivered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.
- **TROY ARTS COUNCIL:** Discussion was had regarding the Troy Arts Council and its financial structure within the City. Various options were discussed, including having city involvement in approving budgets and possibly having a city representative on the board. There's also the consideration of separating the Arts Council from the city umbrella, potentially by forming a separate nonprofit organization. It was acknowledged that the Arts Council's activities have been positive, but there's a need to address the financial structure and line items to prevent any future issues. The city's attorney is working on finding a solution that benefits all parties and maintains the sense of community. The current focus is on reviewing the 2023 musical budget



for approval to ensure that bills can be paid, while plans for the future structure are being developed. After discussion, Councilman Bill Abbott made a motion to approve the 2023 Summer Musical Budget for the expense amount of \$10,000. Councilwoman Cindy Gray seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET:** Greg Mann presented the FY24 proposed budget. Discussion involved reviewing the budget for the General Fund and various departmental expenditures. Major street projects and capital outlays were discussed. Depreciation and reserve funds for future repairs were also brought up. Also discussed was the 4% increase in water rates, which is explained as being tied to inflation. However, the sewer fund has seen a 10% increase in rates to cover anticipated costs. The discussion also touches on rate increases and the need to demonstrate proper funding levels for obtaining financial support. The perception of the public, especially those on fixed incomes, is considered in light of these rate increases. The comparison is made to the waterline project and how similar processes were followed.
- **LHTAC/CPS BIDS RECEIVED:** Council reviewed and discussed bids received regarding the Child Pedestrian Safety Grant that was awarded to the City for the Big Meadow project. Bids were received from Motley & Motley for the amount of \$224,411.00 and M.L Albright & Sons for the amount of \$187,705.00. After a brief discussion Councilwoman Cindy Gray made a motion to approve the estimate from M.L. Albright & Sons for the amount of \$187,705.00 for the Big Meadow Project/CPS Grant. Councilman Bill Abbott Seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilwoman Cindy Gray made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:28 PM pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; – attorney-client communications. It was seconded by Councilman Bill Abbott. Motion passed by a roll call vote all in favor (*Gray, Cordova, Abbott*).

**Motion carried. - Executive Session adjourned at 8:07 P.M.**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:** None

**Additional Citizens Business:** None

**ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

- **ATTORNEY REPORTS:** No Report.
- **MAYOR CORR'S REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** No Report.
- **COUNCIL REPORTS:**
  - **BILL ABBOTT** - Parks & Rec: No report.
  - **CINDY GRAY** - Public Safety: No report.
  - **MIKE YENNEY**- Streets, Solid Waste, Library: No report.
  - **PATRICK CORDOVA** – Water and Sewer Services: No report.
- **TREASURER/CLERK REPORT:** Zoning Workshop Date scheduled for 08/16/23
- **ADJOURNMENT MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Cindy Gray to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. A second was made by Councilman Patrick Cordova. **Motion carried.**
- **Adjourned at 8:28 P.M.**

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Steve Corr, Mayor

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Sabrina Moyer, City Clerk/Treasurer