

Monday, March 29, 2010

Donald Rieger, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Member and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder convened in regular session at 10:00 AM. William L. Randash, Member was excused for the day.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss various items of business. Scott Rabbitt, City/County Park Supervisor joined the discussion.

Fan-Alba discussed installing a humidity exhaust fan in the new shop because the insulation will cause the building to rain humidity. Permission granted to have the fan installed.

Mower-Scott stated he has a mower (Jacobsen) that could go to Auction or to the Fairgrounds. Alba stated the mower the Parks had given to the Fairgrounds last time is not in very good condition any longer and feels that mower needs to go to the County Auction instead. Alba feels the Fairgrounds needs to pay the Parks for the mower. The Commission will discuss this further.

550 Ford-The truck used to belong to the Weed Department; it was not traded as the Commission felt at that time they could get more for it by selling it at auction. Scott and Eric Kary, Golf Course Supervisor are wondering if they could put a dump body on that truck to use it for cart paths and at the parks for sand, etc. The dump body would cost \$8,000, which includes installation. The other dump truck Eric uses now is too big for the cart paths and this truck is just enough smaller that it will work better. Alba felt the other dump truck (GMC) could then be placed in the auction. Alba also stated the Ford has a new transmission and is probably in better condition and it could also be used by other departments. Commissioner Rieger expressed his concern that the truck may tear up the cart paths and may not be that much different than the GMC; Commissioner Ranum expressed the same concern. Scott stated the Ford would weigh less than the GMC when loaded and it was just enough narrower which made it a better fit also. The Commissioner's agreed it would be okay to proceed and the Park and Golf would pay the Weed Department for the truck at 50% each and the dump box would be paid at 50% each also.

Fuel tanks-Discussed they would be placed in the County Auction. Alba stated Tom Barth, Landfill Manager would like to use them to store oil at the Landfill. Alba stated they would have to follow the same rules of placing burms around the tanks, etc. The group decided they would probably not work for that and decided they would be placed in the County Auction.

Grinder-Scott stated if the County does decide to purchase a tree grinder, he would take all the excess tree chips to mix with soil. The Commission felt this was a good idea.

Fence-Alba asked if the Commission wanted to pursue having the fence placed at the county shop or should we wait on the fence to see what the State is going to do with the drainage. The decision was made to wait until the State was finished with their project.

Noon Recess

The Commission reconvened at 1:00 PM with Donald Rieger, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Member and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder present.

Grandstands-The Commissioner's made the decision to wait to sign the contract to proceed with the grandstands until they had more time to review the contract.

Mona Madler, SMART Director met to update the Commission on various projects and ask a few questions.

Pipeline Camp-Mona stated she and her Board were discussing the Pipeline Camp and each of them had a different variation of what they heard was actually going on. SMART was wondering about having a liaison group comprised of Commissioner's, Smart Members, Pipeline Representatives and others to get information out to the public. Mona stated if the Commissioners are interested, there could be an advisory committee that would gather information and bring the information back to the rest of the Commissioner's and the public. Commissioner Rieger stated the Commissioners never knew anything regarding the sewer and water meeting between the City and the Pipeline representatives. The Commissioner's did not even know if the property had been chosen yet. Commissioner Rieger also stated we are not sure, until we know the location has been chosen, if we are at liberty to say anything. Mona stated they will hold off on that for now then.

Building Project-They are having a meeting with an architect tomorrow to decide if this will be feasible to pursue or not. They are hoping to break ground this summer. Mona stated the plan is to build and sell a 4 unit apartment and use the money from the sale to build another one.

City grant money-The City will be receiving grant money from HOME and CDBG to demolish old homes, remove old mobile homes and move in newer mobile homes. The grant funding can also be used buy individuals that own rentals so they can apply for funding to replace windows, etc. This is not just a beautification grant but also for energy efficiency.

War Memorial-Mona stated they are hoping to have it up by Memorial Day.

Trading Card Program-Mona stated they are going to try to get it going again at the High School. They only had one application last time they tried to get it started. They are still trying to get businesses to donate to this program.

Welcome Wagon-They want to try to get a welcome wagon together to give to individuals that have just moved to the area. They want to gather info from local businesses and put other things together to give to them.

Tom Barth, Landfill Manager and Kit Anderson, Planner/Landfill Supervisor met to discuss the tub grinder he and Commissioner Randash went to view and to discuss a different, more affordable tub grinder he found to purchase for the benefit of grinding trees and other Landfill business.

Contract-The Commission signed the amended contract for Barry Damschen for his Landfill consulting fees. The amount of the contract increased 3.4%; the new amount is \$4,500.00 to be billed on a quarterly basis.

Tree Grinder-Tom researched a little further and found a Morbark brand tub grinder from Morbark, Inc. for \$102,780.30. Tom also found a used CAT Compact Loader-\$46,000.00 (which comes with a 6 month warranty and the option to purchase extra warranty for \$16,000) and a heavy duty rock grapple-\$2,902.75 for a total of \$151,683.05. Commissioner Ranum stated they will have to go to bid no matter which one they choose. Tom added this grinder is small enough to be pulled around with a ¾ ton pickup. Discussed, in length, tub grinder's verses horizontal grinders. Commissioner Rieger asked if they will need extra personnel. Tom stated they are run by remote switch and you stand quite a distance from the actual grinder. Commissioner Ranum made the motion to purchase the loader (with no extra warranty) and the grapple fork and go to bid for the grinder. Commissioner Rieger stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Rieger called for those in favor to signify by saying aye. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Commissioner Rieger called for those opposed to signify by saying nay. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried unanimously.

REVENUES:

ENCORE Operating-Oil and Gas Royalties-January and February, 2010-\$3,557.68.
Baker Air Service-Portion of March Aviation fuel-\$150.07

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission signed the State of Montana Lease Contract for the office rent for Family Services. Due to budget cuts at the State level the Commission approved a decrease in the rent for this office as it was being paid at a higher rate than the other State Departments. The decrease will be for FY's 2011 and 2012 and will then increase FY 2013. A copy of the contract is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission signed the corrected formal award of 100% federally funded FY09 US Department of Homeland Security Grant Program funding in the amount up to \$15,676.56 for the update of Fallon County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The grant period is March 9, 2010 to March 31, 2011. A copy of the grant is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Reports-Copy of January, 2010-Motor Vehicle Collection report-\$950.65 Total Remittance to the State of Montana; Copy of January, 2010-Dept of Revenue Collection report-\$7,031.95 Total remittance to the State of Montana; Copy of the February, 2010-Dept of Revenue Collection report-

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\$12,822.17 Total remittance to the State of Montana; A101-Revenue receipts-February, 2010-\$46,481.21; A104-Revenue receipts-February, 2010-\$13,577.89.

JOURNALS:

Budget Journal #5-Posted to various funds and accounts per Budget Resolution 3-22-2010.

Adjourned.

s/Donald Rieger, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder