

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: City Commissioners: Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, Mayor Lou Marchello presiding. Commissioner Jules Clavadetscher and Interim City Manager/City Attorney James Raymond absent.

Mayor Marchello called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Marchello informed that City Manager James Raymond was excused himself from the meeting due to illness, but he had provided a report to each of the Commissioners. He also mentioned that Wayne Schiele had contacted him in regards to building a sewer system around the entire lake. Mr. Schiele had told him the new administration in Washington could mean funds could be available for the project, and he wanted Polson to join in. Mayor Marchello expressed that it was a great idea, noting the increase in pollution he had seen over the years.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Commissioner Lies moved to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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B. CLAIMS – JANUARY 1-15, 2009

Commissioner Lies moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items A & B, with corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Sohm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE 2010 COMMEMORATION OF TRIBAL & NON-TRIBAL LIFE IN 1910 – SUPPORT FOR PROJECT: Lois Hart informed the Commission of the history of the last 99 years on the Flathead Indian Reservation, including how it was opened up to settlement by whites in 1910. She recounted how the Tribal members and the whites had learned to get along and formed a unique relationship. She advised that they had thought seriously about how to address the painful memories that come along with the centennial, which is why they had decided to commemorate the 100 years. She explained that Jackie Gripe, Tim Ryan and herself are the Polson committee members for the commemoration, and their first job was to articulate a vision of the various stories that make up the Flathead Reservation and educate each other with tours and exhibits. She noted that they were working with various museums and cities and had received the blessing of the Tribal Council. She stressed that they wanted to work with as many Tribal resources as possible. She noted that they planned to begin the programs on March 20, 2010, the spring equinox, starting with a look back all the way to 30,000 B.C. The festivities would end on September 21, 2010, the fall equinox. She invited the City of Polson to participate, and said they would like the City's endorsement to tell granters and other agencies. She told the City Commissioners of many of the ideas they were planning. She explained that it would be a rich and important opportunity to honor our ancestries and to learn to respect our cultures, our history, and our home. Commissioner Agrella felt that it was an exciting idea, and that it was a good thing to see a history of early times.

Mayor Marchello agreed that it was a good plan and expected some staff, along with himself to participate. Commissioner Duford asked how the Tribal Cultural Committee felt. Lois Hart replied that they had only met informally so far, however they were planning to meet again formally. **Commissioner Sohm moved to pledge the City's support for the 2010 Commemoration, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. The motion carried unanimously.**

SETTLEMENT TO RELEASE ABIGAIL DOOLEY FROM GOLF RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: Mayor Marchello advised that he and City Manager Raymond had met with Ms. Dooley, and Commissioner Lies had done an inventory of the restaurant. **Commissioner Lies moved to approve the settlement to release Abigail Dooley from the golf restaurant management contract, seconded by Commissioner Agrella.** Commissioner Lies pointed out that the gas tank outside the restaurant was a different size than the original tank. Tracy Dooley replied that they were not aware of any changes, but the propane company would know if it had been changed out. Commissioner Duford asked if this settlement included the liquor license. Mayor Marchello replied that it did, and the license would go back to the City. **The motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE AVAILABLE CTEP (COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM) MDOT FUNDS: Commissioner Lies advised that this sort of item requires a public hearing. Cindy Willis reported to the City Commission that the City's Engineer, Shari Johnson, and herself had gone to CTEP headquarters and had asked specifically if a public hearing was required. They were told that it was not required; the item on the agenda would be sufficient. Commissioner Lies felt that the public hearing was still necessary because all past CTEP expenditures had a public hearing. There were no other comments.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF CTEP MONIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT: **Commissioner Sohm moved to approve the expenditure of CTEP monies in support of the Main Street sidewalk project. Commissioner Agrella seconded the motion.** Lee Manicke indicated that they would ask for a public hearing at the next Commission meeting if that needs to be done. He recalled that at the December 1st City Commission meeting they had advised they would be asking for the maximum use of the CTEP fund. He noted that there was currently about \$122,000 with another \$19-22,000 due in April. He noted that the City could get back the \$25,000 transferred to the County's allocation for Hawk Drive improvements that were never done. He pointed out that goal 18 in the City's growth policy was to enhance non-motor ways and expand existing trails. Streetscape would connect Salish Point, Sacajawea, Riverside, and the Sports Complex. It would also get the Kerr Dam Trail and the Carol Sherick Trail closer. He felt it was a good plan, and City Engineer Shari Johnson had advised the money was better used as one big project. He also warned that any unused funds might be reallocated to another community. Commissioner Duford asked if they'd received any other grants to cover the total cost. Lee Manicke replied that this was the start of the process. He noted that if the money cannot be used it would be returned to the City's allocation. Commissioner Duford asked if any donations had been received or promised. Lee Manicke stated that there was a list of people willing to donate, but he was not privy to the specifics and some donations may be anonymous. Tally Duford called attention to the staircase she was in the process of promoting the installation of at Riverside Park while working with the Parks and Water/Sewer departments.

She noted that Riverside Park was very close to the Streetscape project and wondered if the City was willing to help. Mayor Marchello explained that to use CTEP funds for a project it must be ADA accessible. Commissioner Agrella wondered if it would be wise to pledge \$100,000 and save the remaining funds for another project. City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke advised the City Commission that she had spoken with Joan Scott of CTEP and she had suggested that when a project is identified all the funds should be allocated to the project. She cautioned the Commissioners that they should not fragment the funds, she felt the City could look for other grants to finish both projects. **The motion carried unanimously.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT FINANCING PACKAGE TO PURCHASE 2 2009 CHEVY IMPALAS – LOAN TERM 2 YEARS W/SEMI ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF \$11,245 – APPROVE LOAN RATE – ADOPT RESOLUTION #977 TO BORROW FUNDS: City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke informed the Commission that one of the police vehicles would be paid from the 2009 budget, with financing two vehicles for two years with semiannual payments. The first payment will be in July 2009, and the final payment will be in January 2011. The vehicles were purchased through the State of Montana Procurement Bureau with Polson's cost at \$23,528 per vehicle with an option package. Interest rate bids to finance the two vehicles were Glacier Bank at 3.65% fixed, Private Placement at 3.70% fixed, First Citizens Bank at 4.00% fixed, Whitefish Credit Union at 4.25% fixed, First Interstate Bank at 4.65% fixed, Community Bank at 4.97% fixed, and the State of Montana intercap program currently at 4.25% with a variable interest rate that changes February 15th annually. The dealer lease purchase was at 10.75%. She noted the 2009 revenue from the police special levy, which is 19.95 mills, was projected to be \$153,500. **Commissioner Lies moved to approve Resolution #977, and the 3.65% fixed loan with semi annual payments for two years from Glacier Bank. Commissioner Sohm seconded the motion.** Commissioner Funke asked if local dealers had been asked to bid on the vehicles. Commissioner Lies replied that they had bid closely, but they did not have the cages the police require. The option would save \$5,000. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DECEMBER 2008 CASH REPORT: City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke advised the Commission that the receipts for the general fund for the first half of real estate taxes were \$434,687. She noted that they had also received \$126,809 from House Bill 124. The collections to date, including the December revenue not shown on the report, were at 52.47%. She noted that no building permits had been issued recently, so there were no payments into the impact fee funds. She called attention to fund 2394, the building code enforcement fund, which had a cash balance of \$6,613.75, which would increase once there were building permits issued. **Commissioner Agrella moved to approve the December 2008 cash report, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion passed unanimously.**

GOLF RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – APPOINT COMMITTEE & DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANTS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT: Mayor Marchello advised that he would like to appoint Commissioner Lies, Commissioner Sohm, and himself to the committee, and they would have a golf board member present. **Commissioner Sohm moved to appoint Mayor Marchello, Commissioner Lies, and himself to the**

committee and authorize the committee to conduct interviews and negotiate a contract. Commissioner Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Michael Maddy commented that he would like to correct information from the previous meeting. He stated that he had served on the Polson Board of Adjustment for 6 years, and he had missed one meeting in 2008, two in 2007, three in 2006, one in 2005, one in 2004, and none in 2003. He explained that he had a conflict of interest with three of those meetings, and two others were when his mother was ill. He stated that he talked to Cora Pritt before every meeting to make sure there was a quorum, if she really needed him he would be there. Brent Madson introduced himself to Commission as the new Lake County Republicans' Chairman. He invited everyone to their meetings at the Miracle of America Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month. Tyana Smith introduced herself and the non-profit group, Polson Running, which was aimed at getting families to improve their health and wellness. She invited everyone to the 5k-10k fun run on March 14th, 2009 along the Carol Sherick Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Lou Marchello

Attest: Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk