

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
January 7, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) Cole, Cromley, Yakawich, Neese,
 Ewalt, Joy, Friedel, Gibbs, Ronning, Clark, Brown.

CM excused: All in Attendance

ADJOURN TIME: 7:36 pm

Agenda

TOPIC #1	Oath of Office – Swearing in Ceremony
PRESENTER	Mayor Cole
NOTES/OUTCOME	Reaffirming oath of office

▪ **Public Comment:**

TOPIC #2	Commission on Energy Conservation - NPRC
PRESENTER	Eric Schmidt, Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council
NOTES/OUTCOME	Powerpoint presentation Suggest establishing Energy Conservation Committee

- Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator - committee could be formed by resolution with finite ending date or ordinance without ending date.
- Joy – how does data get to staff? Schmidt – undetermined but possibly staff liaison.
- Mayor – commitment of staff time? Schmidt – uncertain, possibly ½ FTE.
- Brown – City doing well, former commission suggestions being used. Why new commission? Schmidt – doing well, could be even better. New commission could implement plans and strategize ideas. Can do better with commission, champions and supporters of new ideas, creation of plan, doing ad-hoc provisions and ideas.
- Saree Couture, Facilities Manager – utilities held accountable by regulation. Audit showed savings for City. Savings have been implemented.
- **Public Comment:**
- Cara Chamberlain, 933 Yale Avenue, Billings, Montana – commissions are support to City staff and liaison for citizens.
- Joan Smith, 1400 Poly Drive #5C, Billings, Montana – supports commission.
- Larry Bean, 2905 Harrow Drive, Billings, Montana – supports commission. Will allow consensus.

- Bernie Quetchenbach, 933 Yale Avenue, Billings, Montana – supports commission.
- Carol Mick, 78 27th Street West #311, Billings, Montana – supports commission to help manage growth.
- Joe Stockburger, 414 South 33rd Street, Billings, Montana – support commission.
- Ed Gulick, 3015 10th Avenue North, Billings, Montana – supports commission.
- Marguerite Jodrey, 414 South 33rd Street, Billings, Montana – supports commission to improve current system.
- Cathy Fitzgerald, 3245 Poly Drive, Billings, Montana – support commission and hopes to get community on board.
- Randy Hafer, 702 North 23rd Avenue – support commission. Many opportunities to conserve energy.
- Yakawich – support commission with term limits. Do not want to see City put money towards commission.
- Clark – would like to see City staff member on commission.
- Gibbs – difference between commissions and boards? Brent Brooks, City Attorney – all advisory, no difference. City Code has 2 four-year term limits on boards/commissions. Indefinite would need ordinance.
- Friedel – supports terms.
- Ronning – appreciate volunteer work and staff time. Would like to see 10-year resolution.
- Brown – would like to see 4-year term with option to continue. Support moving forward, focus on shorter term goals.
- Joy – citizen involvement important, support clear structure. Would like to see energy policy.
- Mayor – support renewable term.
- Iffland – staff will work on committee plan and bring back to Council.

TOPIC #3	Beartooth RC & D MOU Renewal
PRESENTER	Joel Bertolino, Executive Director – Joanne Knutson, Revolving Loan Fund Manager
NOTES/OUTCOME	Presentation – handout - no Powerpoint

- Yakawich – cover 5 counties. What is big picture this year? Bertolino – restrooms near Hardin.
- **Comment:**
- None
- Ronning – exciting projects.

TOPIC #4	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Mayor traveling for commissioning of Navy USS Wichita. No City expense.
- Yakawich – North Park Task Force donating \$250 for USS Billings. Challenging all task forces.

- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #5	Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Susan Smith, 6133 Timbercove Drive, Billings, Montana – oppose Zone Change for micro-brewery. Spoke with 100’s of people not in support. Too close to neighbors and disruptive to area.
- Terra Pierce, 3623 Quimet Circle, Billings, Montana – oppose Zone Change 971. Council disregarded Zoning Commission recommendation and residents of west end neighbors.
- Dennis Ulvested, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, Montana – represent self and oppose Zone Change 971.