

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

“THE MAGIC CITY – A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 4, 2016

5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Hanel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Hanel

INVOCATION – Mayor Hanel

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Brewster, Cimmino, McFadden, Friedel, Sullivan, Swanson, Clark, and Brown

Mayor Hanel allowed for courtesies prior to the Administrator’s Report:

- Public Works Director Dave Mumford recognized the following employees who worked on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to restore water after a waterline failure: Vince Sweatt, Frank Keehn, Wes Dunn, Ralph Mann, Doug Lazz, Derick Miller, Mike Dotson, and Eric Harmala. Mr. Mumford thanked the employees for their hard work and efficient repair of the waterline. Mayor Hanel thanked City staff members for their work and communication with residents during the repair process. City Administrator Tina Volek thanked staff members as well as Mr. Mumford and Deputy Public Works Director Vern Heisler for their work.
- Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield recognized Animal Control Officer Cindy Katschke for her work. Mr. Stinchfield mentioned a Billings Gazette article which featured Ms. Katschke’s work. Ms. Volek thanked Ms. Katschke for her work and positive attitude toward her job.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK

- Ms. Volek mentioned the Local Government Center at Montana State University will be conducting training on roles and responsibilities of City Councilmembers. The training sessions are free of charge. Ms. Volek stated that she sent out an email to the Mayor and Councilmembers regarding these training sessions, and mentioned that she would be happy to provide any additional information to interested Councilmembers.

- Ms. Volek reminded Council that the January 11 regular meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and will recess into a closed executive session. The topic of discussion for the closed executive session will be the Parmly Library demolition. The regular meeting will be called back to order at 6:30 pm. Ms. Volek also stated that dinner will be provided for Council during the closed executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Item: #1 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium. Comment on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For Items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium.)

NONE

SPECIAL AGENDA:

1. **Oaths of Office** for Councilmembers Larry Brewster, Dick Clark, Brent Cromley, Chris Friedel, and Ryan Sullivan

Municipal Court Judge Sheila Kolar delivered the oaths of office for Councilmembers Brewster, Clark, Cromley, Friedel, and Sullivan.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

There were no initiatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (*Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda; comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium.*)

- Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks Lane, Billings, MT distributed a handout regarding pay increases. Mr. Zurbuchen asked for Council to seek an outside negotiator for union contracts.
- Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, MT stated that Planning and Community Services Department Director Candi Millar does a great job, but stated that he was concerned with there being 35 meetings regarding subdivision development in Yellowstone County and only 13 meetings regarding subdivision development in Billings. Mr. Ulvestad stated that the City needs to work with County Commissioners to plan further developments.

ADJOURN 5:57 pm into work session