

**Troy City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
February 13, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Attending – Mayor Jim Hammons, Council: Laura Schrader, Larry Coryell, Don Banning, Larry Baker, City Attorney Mark Fennessy, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

GUESTS: Linda Newstrom - CDM, Jayne Brown, Billie Foster, John H Clogston, Catherine LeCours- DEQ Helena, Ted Linnert – EPA Denver, Bill Murray – EPA Denver, Paul Peronand– EPA Denver, Jerry Wandler, Kit Pearson, and Katie Randall.

REQUEST FOR SNOWMOBILE USE ON CITY STREETS: Jerry Wandler – There was a lot of interest thirteen or fourteen years ago in allowing the use of snowmobiles on city streets. The Troy Snowmobile Club would like to see this go through. There are at least three other communities that allow this. The Seeley Lake, Lincoln, and West Yellowstone areas allow this. It was first brought up October 26, 1994. On December 28, 1994, Mayor Johnson asked for a vote to approve city routes and designated parking on a temporary basis. The Troy area has become a recreational haven for many types of activities. This could draw additional economic value to the community. It would be permitted on snow only. Wandler suggested a route including Second and Third streets for business. The Route would start at Callahan Creek to Grant Avenue; from Grant Avenue to Second Street; Second Street to Highway 2; Highway 2 to Third Street continuing down Mill Road and finally Park Way. St. Regis Hall Road may be another option for the Route coming strait across Highway 2 to St Regis Hall Road, then to Third and down Mill road to Park Way. Wandler told Council that he had talked with Police Chief Mitch Walters, and he was in support of this, stating that it is a worthwhile proposal. Hammons expressed concerns about liability issues. City Attorney Fennessy recommended getting copies of the ordinances already in force by these cities. Banning would be okay to pursue, but does foresee some problems regarding land machines in residential areas. Speed limit is 25 in town, but in winter would be slower than that. This could also be addressed by ordinance with a decibel level. Coryell stated that Seeley Swan, Lincoln, and West Yellowstone are resort cities that have snow all the time. He is not for it, stating it would create conflict of traffic. Hammons again stated that the liability is the big issue for him. The city will check with MMIA regarding liability of the City. He recommended it go to committee and told Wandler that he would be glad to sit down and talk about this. Discussion followed regarding the Forest Service and County accesses. Discussion on other routes continues.

ORDINANCE No. 603 – Amend present council date Ordinance to one day a month (Second Reading) – Council meetings will move to once a month on the third calendar Wednesday. Work meetings can be any time during the month and will be open to the public. **Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 603 was made by Laura Schrader and seconded by Larry Coryell. Don Banning – Yes, Larry Baker – Yes. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION No. 604 – To Amend the 911 Emergency Fund Budget. A **Motion** was made by Larry Baker to approve Resolution No. 604 amending the 911 Emergency Fund due to the E-911 PSAP purchase in the amount of \$33,934. Larry Coryell seconded the motion. Don Banning – Yes, Laura Schrader – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REQUEST FOR ROOSEVELT PARK – Including the pavilion, concession and group picnic area – for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23, 2008. Council agrees to the use.

SPECIAL MEETING – School Land Transfer 1-16-08 - Minutes of January 23, 2008: A **Motion** to approve minutes of both January 23, 2008 meetings was made by Laura Schrader and seconded by Larry Coryell. Minutes of January 23, 2008 to be amended to show that Larry Coryell stated that the School District should pay for the total cost of the survey. **Motion carried.**

CLAIMS: Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$116,719.76 was made by Laura Schrader and seconded by Larry Baker. Don Banning – Yes, Larry Coryell – Yes. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Don Banning – None. **Larry Coryell** – None. **Larry Baker** – Baker asked if Twilight Lane could be plowed. Banning stated that it has been plowed and is difficult to maintain the slush during the rain and melt. Hammons added that the crew is working hard to get them as clear as possible with the conditions that exist. **Laura Schrader** – would like to see the animal control officer alternate his patrol time. She is tired of dogs messing with her barbeque in the evenings. Officer Kit Pearson stated that is the Police Department's responsibility too, and will keep an eye out. **Jim Hammons-** Three Rivers Challenge asked for the City to write a letter of support. After reading their template letters, he is uncomfortable with what they had written. Banning stated that he is not in favor of this. Hammons will draft a letter of what we want to send out. Once the letter is written, council would like to review it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Laura Schrader and the Second by Larry Coryell **Motion carried.**

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer