

**Growth Policy
Public Hearing
Council Chambers
June 11, 2008**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Attending – Mayor James Hammons, Council: Laura Schrader, Larry Coryell, Don Banning, Larry Baker, and Customer Service Representative Sandi Sullivan.

GUESTS: Katie Randall

GROWTH POLICY: Hammons expressed the need to have public meetings in order to have the policy for planning and zoning in the future. The State of Montana mandates all counties and cities to have a growth policy before planning and zoning policies are placed into law by resolution. Most of the larger cities have completed theirs, but the smaller towns are still working on it. Troy jumped on the policy right away with establishing a committee. Greg Larson was working for the City of Libby on their growth policy. He reviewed ours and sent it to the State. It came back from both him and the state that Troy did a good job. Hammons said he was very pleased with the job the committee did. Hammons opened the floor for public comments, however only one guest attended.

Hammons wanted to add information regarding Burlington Northern. In the past, the railroad has leased various properties along their right-of-way to cedar mills and other industries. They may not continue to do this. Hopefully the city will hear from them regarding the green boxes. They were concerned they did not have all the deeds, or don't have the deeds for all their owned property. Hammons would like to get the green boxes moved this year to across the tracks. Schrader asked if we could move them anyway, since nobody is claiming the property. Hammons replied that it wouldn't be a good idea.

Discussion regarding the next Public Hearing date followed.

Hammons asked for any additions or comments. He suggested waiting for a few more minutes to see if any guests show up.

Meeting completed at 7:10

Council waited until 7:25 to adjourn.

James C. Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandi Sullivan, Customer Service Representative