



HCC Monthly Meeting
March 23, 2016 - 7:00 PM
City/County Building - Room 326

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

District 1 Patricia Christian, Mary Ann George Paul Pacini, Sarah Sadowski
District 2 Bob Funk, Eric Kiltz, Gary Spaeth
District 3 Jeanette Blize, Gary Dalton
District 4 Sharon Hubbel, Dave Maslowski, Tom Woodgerd
District 5 Terry Frisch,
District 6 Maureen Kiely, Ria Steffins, Terry Ray
District 7 John Forbes, Bob Habeck

Excused Absences:

District 3 Sumner Sharpe District 7: Dick Sloan.

Call to Order / General Business

Welcome and Introductions:

Chair Gary Spaeth called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Ria Steffins was appointed as a council member of District 6.

Guest Doris Davis introduced herself and is interested in serving as a council member for District when a spot becomes available.

Angela McDannel introduced herself and is considering serving as a council member for District 2 which has a vacancy due to the resignation of Doug Hunsaker. Gary commended Doug as a valuable and active member of HCC.

Captain Corey Livesay gave an overview of what's happening around town.

I-15 Overpass and Boulder Street Closure

Abandoned Vehicle Complaints. The HPD welcomes volunteers to assist in the process. Citizen participation enables complaints to be addressed in a timelier manner. There are other volunteer opportunities with the police department if anyone is interested. Mary Ann sked about an age requirement and it is 18 + but there is a program called the Explorer's Program that high school age youth can participate and learn more about law enforcement. Captain Livesay and Gary can provide additional information about that.

New member, Maureen Kiely and returning member Bob Funk introduced themselves.

Gary thanked Mary Ann for filling in in the absence of a staff person. The position is being re-advertised after an unsuccessful first round of interviews. HCC will receive support from Debbie and Robyn in the City Clerk Office in the interim.

Approval of Minutes

January 27 Minutes were approved unanimously with changes. Dave Maslowski made the motion and Pat Christian seconded.

February 24 minutes were approved unanimously with changes. Chair, Gary Spaeth called for the motion.

Relevance Committee Report

Pat Christian reviewed the revisions/rewrite she did on the previously approved HCC Guidelines. Gary thanked Pat for her work.

Eric Kiltz asked when the guidelines will be posted on the webpage. Gary replied that we would have to wait until a staff person is hired. Mary Ann stated that she thought Robyn in the City Clerk's Office would be able to do that for us. Guidelines should be posted by the next meeting.

Transportation Infrastructure Update

Gary Dalton reported to the council on behalf of Sumner Sharpe. He reviewed the documents that had been sent to all before the meeting (Documentation is attached). He provided a background of the tax and uses of the money collected. One other city in Montana, Missoula, has attempted to get this passed and was unsuccessful.

Some points he asked us to consider (in no particular order)

- Does this tax impact low income people?
- Fuel is purchased by tourists and money comes to city
- Other cities in L&C County can join.
- Will people go out of county (Mt. City) to save money on fuel?

Sumner is asking for a motion from the group to write a recommendation that would encourage the city to ask the county for the gas tax.

Questions:

There is no wording in the state law that mentions cities. Is the county obligated to pass Sumner is directed to talk to the city attorney about supplanting and supplementing existing projects.

Why were these projects chosen? Gary responded that they were listed to justify the money.

Motion by Paul Pacini:

Sumner Sharpe will draw up a resolution for the gas tax after answering the questions about supplanting and supplementing and lack of city mentioned in the law. Motion passed with two opposed.

Orientation Packet and Member Questionnaire

Gary apologized to the group about the confusion for the last two months. He encourages all to fill out the questionnaire so the most qualified and interested members can attend committees.

Mary Ann sent a link to an online survey so people could provide a preference for which city boards or committees they would like to attend. She will send it again because not everyone received. Tom noted a typo in the survey which Mary Ann will correct before sending to members. Gary reported that the HCC holds seats on 5 city committees, 4 voting and one ex officio. Gary will pursue ex officio status on all city boards and committees. He has been taking City Commissioners out to lunch and getting to know them and promoting HCC.

Study Groups

Paul Pacini explained the purpose and structure of the Fact Finding Teams. There will be 5 teams of 4 people. Chair will assign teams to study issues as needed. Paul sent paper around for each member to list his/her name and people he/she would want to work with on a team. Paul will gather this information and form the teams.

Issues of Interest:

Members provided ideas for projects the teams would research. Members were then asked to vote for their top 3 projects. The following items were listed and the votes they received.

3	Tom	New construction zoning codes. Are ordinances being enforced?
	Doris	added parking spaces near medical facilities on the east side of town.
5	Eric	Explore revenue sources from the state government to the city to support municipal services
4	Terry F.	Installation of a drinking fountain at Kindrick Legion Field
2	Eric	Orientation of HCC about city government through a retreat
5	Bob	Impact of non-resident use of city services and facilities.
4	Paul	Running traffic lights. Bob added cell phone use. Enforcement (lack of) or ordinances
3	Terry R.	Consolidation of property owners' responsibilities (code).
2	Sarah	Add benches and a trash can to parking lot.
6	Corey	Impact on city parks issues/hours: curfew, park hours, vandalism, and aggregation for other purposes, damage, and trash.
2	Paul	Reestablishing Passenger Rail Service between Montana cities
8	Tom	Montana Ave. RR underpass
4	John	Street snow removal on residential streets.

Paul will develop the working groups and rank the above projects. There was some concern about people not pursuing items of interest. There was a question about moving between study groups based on interest and Paul is open to that discussion.

Open Forum/Other items

Paul request time on the April meeting agenda to have a speaker talk to the group about Passenger Rail Service in Montana.

Chair Gary Spaeth adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.