

## Council Retreat March 8, 2010

Mayor Johnson opened the council retreat meeting at 6:12 p.m. Council members present were Montgomery, Patson, Boyle-Barrett and Harple. City Administrator Schmidt was also present. Council member Twardoski arrived at 7:15 p.m.

- ◆ Mayor Johnson gave brief summary of the purpose of the retreat.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson discussed open seat on the Basin Plan Review Committee. Council had questions on frequency and location of meetings. Mayor to return with this information.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson discussed the open seat on the CDBG Board.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson discussed funding for the White Water Rafting Study. Montgomery indicated that the discussion should wait until Councilmember Reed was present. Discussion continued with comments by Harple, Boyle-Barrett and Montgomery. Consensus was to send the issue back to committee for information gathering.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson discussed shortage of staff throughout the City, but especially at City Hall and cautioned the Council that workloads were at critical levels. Various options and scenarios were discussed with general consensus that this was something that must be addressed in the future.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson and Council discussed the current 4 day work schedules in the City.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson temporarily recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m. while Councilmember Patson had to leave for a few minutes.
- ◆ Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
- ◆ Mayor Johnson presented Councilmember McNally's written comments and goals to the Council.
- ◆ McNally Goals
  - a) Moving forward with a new fire station, and enlarging our jail
  - b) Bring more small business to Buckley through possibly changing things like; Impact fees, Permit fees, Deferral of fees, Incentives to fill current vacant business buildings in Buckley
  - c) Finish the PUD and finalizing title 19 to accommodate the needed changes.
  - d) Find ways to have continuing education for council members regarding; Roles and responsibilities and have all members working from the same page.
- ◆ Montgomery Goals
  - a) City emphasis on sustainability and Green up Code

- b) Update Comp Plan utilizing the UW Master Planning Class
- c) Upgrade CLC membership to next level
- d) Enhance and support Farmers Market, Agriculture & Conservation

◆ Twardowski Goals

- a) Maintain balanced budget
- b) More citizen involvement
- c) Build Chamber of Commerce communication and partnering

◆ Patson Goals

- a) Encourage and solicit new businesses
- b) More emphasis on Arts Commission Projects
- c) Encourage and develop more community festivals and activities

◆ Boyle-Barrett Goals

- a) Review and implement the RR right-of-way Master Plan
- b) Encourage and select support from volunteers, civic organizations and WRSD
- c) Construct new Fire Station and expand Police Station
- d) Emphasize Utility Infrastructure improvement

◆ Harple Goals

- a) Solicit citizen input on economic needs in community
- b) Reduce number of City meetings

The retreat was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Pat Johnson