

ASSOCIATION - MEETING MINUTES - April 22, 2010

Start: 7:07PM

Board Members Attending:
Richard Chapman
Dick Hexter
Ruth Hexter
Keith Lynip
Bob Hayes
Rod Austin
Steve Schmitt
Ron Ewart
Alternant Marcia Erickson

Agenda

Meeting was opened by our President Richard Chapman at 7:05 PM. Richard, deferred the reading of the minutes and the treasurers report until after our guest speakers.

Richard introduced Missoula City Council members Roy Houseman and Pam Walzer and told them they each had 10 minutes.

Roy Houseman, was up first and he gave us some of his qualifications and spoke of the upcoming change of Reserve St and Mullen Road, by adding another turn lane on to Mullen Rd. going west at a cost of around \$350,000, to be paid for by the Dept. of Transportation.

Richard apologized for not following the agenda and introducing the board members that were present.

Pam Walzer then spoke on the moving of heavy and oversize loads of equipment through Missoula this fall, all of the moving was to be done at night, but would require the moving of traffic signals and some poles and spoke of the toll it would take on our roads.

Both speakers took questions from those in attendance.

Treasure State Tree Service came to talk about our trees that were treated last year for pests and aphids that can damage our trees. He stated that we have a problem because all the trees planted were the same kind of trees, this is a huge problem because if we should have some type of a blight it could wipe out all of our trees. He suggested that we continue with our program even after our three year contract. He also stated that it is very important to keep trees that number 2600, pruned properly while they are young.

Richard introduced David from Missoula Valley Recycling. Dan told us that allied waste is no longer picking their blue bag program west of Reserve St. They will pickup every week on Thursday; the charge would be \$12.00 or \$9.00 for senior citizens.

Richard invited Don Collins who spoke on behalf of Graduation Management Missoula about the dropout rate in our schools. Don quoted statistics on the earning power of a high school dropout as compared to a high school graduate or a collage graduate, also in tough times like now a dropout is more likely to be unemployed. The alarming fact is that in this country that we have a dropout every 26 seconds or 6000 a day or 40% of high school freshman leave school before their senior year.

This has to change or this country is going more financial problems in the future.

Richard then called on Keith, Rod and Bob Hayes and lastly Steve Schmitt then spoke about the election process ion regards to covenants, bi-laws and state charter.