

The emergency meeting of the Great Falls Town Council was held on October 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Attending were Mayor Brantley, Council Members, Eagle, Worthy, Dutton, McManus and Gonzalez, and Craig. Also attending were Town Clerk Eubanks, Reporter Jenkins, and several interested citizens.

Mayor Brantley opened the meeting with Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brantley stated that Townhall has been leaking for approximately six years. They have put pressure on the building owners and have received a new roof, termite treatments, and now have started looking at the mold problem. Got the results back from Servpro for Townhall and has sent them to companies found on the State Procurement Website. The mold is a health hazard and Townhall will be relocating into the Community Center until it is remediated. They have sent the results to the owner and the property manager who will be here on Monday. Council Meetings will be held at the War Memorial Building.

Mayor Brantley made a motion to approve an Environmental Study Proposal for the Police Department with ABS Environmental, Inc. who is a State Contractor for \$3,250.00. They will do a visual inspection, moisture inspection, use a thermal camera to view moisture, do more air sampling, and present a scope of work to RFP to bid. They will also perform a post-remediation with six air samples. Council Member Craig seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brantley made a motion to dissolve Committees. Mayor Brantley stated the committees were causing communication barriers and FOIA violations. Council Member Worthy seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Brantley, and Council Members Craig, Worthy, and McManus voting yes; Council Members Gonzalez, Eagle and Dutton voted no.

Council Member McManus voted to get the Town Attorney to send a letter that the town is no longer interested in negotiations in relation to the sale of the millsites to Whitehorse. Council Member Craig seconded the motion. Council Member Dutton made a motion to table the motion, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion, and the motion failed with Council Members Dutton, Gonzalez, and Eagle voting yes, and Mayor Brantley, and Council Members Craig, Worthy, and McManus voting no. Council Member Craig stated that they did a MOU for three months and were committed to Whitehorse, but Whitehorse never signed the MOU. It has caused so much animosity with the town. Council Member Gonzalez said not everyone has animosity. A petition with 400 signatures saying they want Whitehorse in town. People not qualified to talk about economic development are spreading lies. Supplying financials to the town is absurd. He is very impressed with Whitehorse, and they did some amazing work cleaning up trees in town. A company wants to invest and bring jobs, need to stop the nonsense and bring them in. Council Member Craig stated we don't own #2, can't sell it, and we are under a five-year grant with #1. We need to know that they have the means to pay a million dollar grant back. We hired a consultant to help, Whitehorse wasn't happy. We don't have the means to do what Whitehorse wants. Mayor Brantley thanked Whitehorse for their interest in the town and for the things they've done. There is a lack of economic development amongst both parties. We brought in someone with thirty years of experience and couldn't get an agreement. He worries about putting all the eggs into one basket again. Also they have already threatened a lawsuit, and in his personal business he would never do business with someone who has threatened a lawsuit. The original motion passed with Mayor

Brantley, and Council Members Craig, Worthy, and McManus voting yes; Council Members Gonzalez, Eagle and Dutton voted no.

Mayor Brantley made a motion to go into executive session. Council Member Craig seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brantley stated there was no action taken in the executive session.

Council Member McManus made a motion to go back into public session. Council Member Eagle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dutton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Jessica Eubanks