Present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Lori Talbot, City Manager Allen K. Henrie, City Recorder Cindy Breinholt, City Council Members Eric Houston, Laura Mosdell, John Orton, Nick Reynolds, Tim Smith and Attorney Barry Huntington.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Lori Talbot conducted the opening ceremony.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Eric Houston to adopt the agenda as outlined. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Laura Mosdell moved, seconded by John Orton to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor.

UP COMING MEETINGS

May 25th - Triple C Executive Committee Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - City Office
May 26th - Highway 143 meeting - City Office
May 28th - Giant Yard sale on Main Street/Grand opening of the Gem Theater - Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Lori Talbot.
June 2nd - Grand Opening of the swimming pool - free swim 6-8 p.m.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Allen K. Henrie explained that most requests made to this board regard problems due to hardships out of the control of the property owner. The board does not meet often, and their decision is final unless over ruled by the courts.

Allen K. Henrie handed out a list of the current Board of Adjustments committee members. He asked the council to look over the list and recommend some new members. The current chairman of the board has moved out of town and some of the other member’s terms have expired.

Mayor Lori Talbot asked the council members for suggestions of people who would be good to serve on this committee. Several names were suggested. Allen K. Henrie is to call the current members as well as those who were suggested to serve on this board.

PANGUITCH PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Lori Talbot reported on the preservation committee and asked if the council members had suggestions for people to serve on this committee. Nick Reynolds volunteered to serve as a council member representative to the preservation committee.

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Other names were suggested, and these people will be contacted and asked if they would be willing to serve.

Eric Houston moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to instruct Allen K. Henrie to ask the individuals discussed if they would be willing to serve. The motion passed with all in favor.
BUDGET ISSUES

Mayor Lori Talbot put this item on the agenda and asked council members if they were in agreement with the budget presented.

John Orton asked about the employees’ insurance pay out and how that was being handled. Mayor Talbot responded it was not the employees’ fault the insurance payout was offered to the employee when they were hired.

Tim Smith asked if any new employees would have the option of the insurance payout. Allen K. Henrie said it was capped for current employees and will not be available to any future employees. Eric Houston has some concerns with the insurance payout concept. Tim stated that he has concerns with the concept but feels the employees should not be punished for it. Tim has been thinking about the insurance payout concept for a couple of weeks and feels in the end we may be where we need to be on this issue.

Allen read the motion from last year on June 8, 2010 which states:

“Lori Talbot moved, seconded by Eric Houston to go with revised plan Tim Smith proposed lowering insurance pay out cap to $6,000.00 per year and giving a $2,600.00 raise to full time city employees with exclusion of Tony Beckstead. In one year the city council will look into a Health Savings Account for the employees putting in the maximum allowed out of the $6,000.00 pay out cap. John Orton opposed. The motion passed.”

Nick Reynolds feels our city employees are underpaid and does not feel we should hurt the employees.

Eric Houston asked about the possibility of purchasing the Cameron Motel for additional parking. Allen K. Henrie reported the city has looked into funding to help with improvements to the property. John Orton would like to send a letter of commendation to Alex Nay for all of the cleanup and improvements he has made on the house north of the Cameron Motel across from the Post Office.

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MULTI PURPOSE EVENT CENTER
Currently, there is an outbreak of a herpes disease that can be spread from horse to horse. The State has talked about quarantining horses and/or canceling horse events. The Little Britches Rodeo has been rescheduled for the following week. If the virus becomes epidemic, the State will shut down all horse events. The other events are moving forward.

PENDING BUSINESS

There are no changes to the pending business list.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Score Clocks - John Orton asked about purchasing a new score clock for the baseball fields. The council was fine with the purchase of a new score clock.

Dogs - Tim Smith would like to encourage everyone to call in all dog problems.

Stop Sign - The stop sign at the one way street near the elementary school needs to be fixed. All of the signs regarding the one way street need to be checked to make sure they are posted properly.

Iraq - The 222 has been activated again. Many communities have waived the sewer/water fees for the families of soldiers serving in Iraq. Allen K. Henrie asked the city council to consider this. The city council recommended waiving sewer/water fees for those serving in Iraq.

Old Fire Station - The judge wants to hear all the facts before a decision is made regarding the eviction of Rebecca Gregg. The pre-trial will be on August 4, 2011. The renter was informed she should be putting rental money owed to the city in an escrow account.
The council reviewed the current bills to be paid.

Eric Houston moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to pay the current bills. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Lori Talbot, Mayor

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Cindy Breinholt, City Recorder