

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams
Councilwomen Deborah Dyer and Lori Shierry
Councilmen Tim Sheppard and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Ray Schultz

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police
David Sherrill, Public Works Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
Andy Payne, Fire Chief
David Golden, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Operations
Ross Caston, Assistant Fire Chief, EMS Operations
Sherry Fowler, Police Sergeant
Chris Kelmer, Police Corporal
Matt Ohm, Animal Control Officer/Police Officer
Jayson Owen, Police Officer
Derek Vann, Police Officer
Robin Morris, Administrative Assistant
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Renea Davis

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor Pro tem called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The Mayor Pro tem gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Workshop.

A. Discuss General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund Debt Obligations.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the total debt obligations of the City. He reminded them that this next fiscal year will have an additional thirty-two thousand dollars more in debt payments than this current year due to the three year lease/purchase of three police interceptors in 2017 and two in 2018. The other debt obligations in the General Fund are the twelve year lease/purchase of a new fire engine and the refunding bond on the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park, which Iowa Park Community Development refunds to the City for the payment of principle and interest each year. The Water and Sewer Fund debt obligation is the refunding bond for the construction of the Highway 287 water line which is due to be paid off in October 2025.

B. Discuss Police Personnel, Vehicles, Equipment and Facilities.

The Chief of Police gave a brief presentation on personnel, vehicles, equipment and facilities. The department is set to receive three new police interceptors within the next month or so. There was discussion on the recently purchased digital repeater system that is switched to analog until the department upgrades their analog vehicle and portable radios to digital. The portable radios are very spotty in coverage. Some of the officers present stated they can have a hard time getting through to dispatch, which can be very dangerous. The Chief said cost to upgrade to digital would be \$32,500.00 for thirteen portable radios and \$40,287.00 for twelve vehicles for a total cost of \$72,787.00. The City Manager pointed out that this cost does not include the fire department radios or the city radios. The plan is to not purchase anymore analog radios. Beginning with fiscal year

2018/2019 all new police vehicles will be equipped with digital radios then cycle down to fire department next, then city radios.

C. Discuss Dispatch Personnel and Communications Equipment.

The Chief of Police gave a brief presentation on dispatch personnel and equipment. He reminded Council that dispatchers have no protection from upset people coming in or to bad weather. They have shaded the widow between dispatch and foyer making it difficult for someone to look in. There was discussion on the drainage problem at the police/fire building and public works/city hall. Staff believes by lowering the driveway and parking areas between the two buildings, most of the rain water should travel to either Cash Street or East Highway instead of backing up into the buildings.

D. Discuss Animal Control Personnel, Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities.

The Chief of Police briefed the Council on the Animal Control Division. He presented a slide show of the new reclaim center which should be complete within a month. It was pointed out the amount of time and work Matt Ohm, Animal Control Officer, has put into the construction of the center. Councilwoman Williams stated the Council appreciates what he has done.

E. Discuss Fire and EMS Vehicles, Equipment and Facilities.

The Fire Chief noted they still have flooding problems that have damaged some of their medical supplies. They have modified the area to keep most things off of ground level. Their 2001 pick-up is worn out and they are looking at different options. The Assistant Fire Chief, EMS Operations, said that the department is in a real need of an up-to-date defibrillator and monitor. A refurbished unit will cost approximately \$20,000.00 while a new model will cost approximately \$40,000.00.

The City Manager presented Council with an early estimate of the future fire department building. He received a quote from Metal Mart of \$42,684.40 for a 60' x 75' four bay steel building. This would allow two fire trucks to be parked bumper to bumper and would have officer space, training space and restrooms. It would be built between the existing building and the post office. This is the same type structure as the new animal reclaim center. Estimates to get it in the building in the dry is \$85,000.00 to \$95,000.00. Once complete, the police department could then bump out into the existing fire department area. Staff will continue to work on the plans.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2018.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman

