

The City Council had a work session on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at City Hall beginning at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jay Jenkins, Councilmembers LaFray Kelley, Brett Ferrin, Beth Koford and Bruce Higley
Staff: Diane Hirschi, Steve Davis

The purpose of the work meeting is to discuss the budget and facility uses.

Budget:

Steve Davis gave the council a copy of the December 31, 2009 financial statement. He noted that the budget is a planning tool. He mentioned that you take the revenues first and see what you are going to have and then you have to prioritize the expenditures. It was noted that impact fees need to be used within six years. Steve went over the financial statement in detail. It was mentioned that there is a miscellaneous account that gets things coded to if they are unsure what account it goes to. He noted that there was a bill for the public works building for \$11,500. It was mentioned that it should go to B&C roads. He noted that the property taxes are in that account. He asked about a bill from Stauffer's. It was reported that it was for bringing the public works building down from Huntsville. It was noted that it would also go with B&C roads. Steve reported that the bill for the Sheriff's office hasn't come in yet. It was noted that we are six months into the budget year and things look pretty tight. He noted that the departments have been good about cutting back.

There was a discussion about Pioneer Park. It was noted that they will apply for a large RAMP grant next year and felt that some preliminary work needed to be done in the meantime. Steve noted that there is \$20,000 in the budget and there is \$91,993 in impact fees.

Steve noted that there is \$653,094 in the capital projects fund. He noted that there are long term projects listed in the capital projects fund that need to be reviewed every year. He noted that the sewer fund needs to be looked at very seriously. He noted that there has been a problem with breaking out some of the wages between different departments by Wells Fargo.

He noted that it will soon be time to work on the new budget and suggested that the council look at their departments and give him some input. He suggested having a wish list and then prioritizing it.

Councilmember Koford discussed a new big truck for snow plowing and asked about leasing vs. buying. Steve felt that if the money is there, it is better to buy.

It was noted that the economy may not get better for a while. The Mayor mentioned that recreation has been run well and Colette has been fiscally responsible. It was agreed that money needs to be spent on Pioneer Park in order to apply for the grant next year.

Mayor Jenkins noted that he has told Mitch to clean up the area east of the parks building and level it so it can be used for parking. He noted that the playground has been a good addition and the area around it needs to be finished.

There was a brief discussion about the town square park. It was noted that Jeff Hales owns it and he made the comment that the old school is a great building.

Councilmember Ferrin is considering re-painting the senior center.

The Mayor and Diane will work on the human resource issues. The Mayor noted some housekeeping issues. He feels that the council needs to go to the ULCT training and noted that the city will pay for mileage and rooms. He also noted that the city will pay the Planning Commission for training. The Mayor mentioned that the city will also provide the candy for the 4th of July parade.

Councilmember Koford noted that a new truck is \$120,000, but knows of some used 550's for \$60-70,000. It was discussed that three years ago we bought a new pickup. Last year they said that the frame on the old one-ton was cracked. The Mayor noted that he had a welder look at it and they couldn't find the crack. He noted that there is still life in that truck. We got a new plow for it not too long ago. The council agreed to put the plow back on that truck and we will look at the budget next year. It was noted that there is no where to put the equipment. Salt was a topic of discussion. The new public works facilities need to be completed.

Councilmember Koford asked for thoughts about moving the 4th of July celebration to the Lee Olsen Park. It was noted that the dinner and the car show could stay at the town square park. There was a discussion about where the parade route would run. This idea will be looked into.

Councilmember White noted that they have done quite a bit of work down at the lagoons and have some more things to do.

The Mayor asked if there were any other things that could be looked at. There was a discussion about new scoreboards, getting the Public works building going, maybe an amphitheater at the town square park, owning the town square park and having a recreation center.

Mayor Jenkins noted that he will be getting the group (Mayor, Councilmember Kelley, Councilmember Koford, Jarod Maw and Blake Neil) together concerning the old school property. There was a discussion about Jeff giving the city an acre and what the city would want to do with it. There was a lengthy discussion about the project and what we would like to do and what we would require of Jeff.

Facilities:

There was a discussion about employee's renting the senior center for \$25. There was a discussion about whether this should be continued as it was noted that there are some that aren't paying.

There was a discussion about the marquee and whether it should be used strictly for the city.

There was a question about what should go in the newsletter.

A discussion was held about the city sponsoring certain events.

It was decided that policy needs to be set about renting the senior center and perhaps calling some surrounding cities to see what they have.

It was discussed whether the non-profit businesses should be allowed to use it and whether those seeking reduced fees should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

It was agreed that we would round up policies from other cities and go from there.

The fire department building was discussed. There was a concern about renting the upstairs. It was noted that city/fire employees have used the building in the past. The council is concerned about the fire equipment if there are other people in there.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.