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## **MINUTES**

### **PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL**

#### **WORK SESSION**

**APRIL 29, 2008**

The Park Hills City Council met in work session Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at the Council Chambers. Mayor Clark opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was as follows: Council Members Barnett, Cunningham, Dickerson, Easter, House and Reed and Mayor Clark were present. Council Members Kelly and Glore were absent. Also present were City Administrator John Kennedy, City Clerk Carla Johnson and Director of Community Development Dale Thomure.

#### Amendment of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman House to amend the agenda to add Special Meeting, Flood Buy-out and Meter Reader Position under Discussion Items and four items under City Administrator's Report. The motion carried with all in favor and the agenda was amended.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Library Bids

Prior to the meeting, some of the council members met to tour the new Library Building. Mr. Kennedy told the council that three bids were received on the Library Renovation Project. The council was presented with the three bids, along with three alternates, for consideration. Alternate 1 included upgrading the base trim to wood and installing crown molding on the first floor main library. Alternate 2 would include replacement of drywall overlay with a multi-color wall patch system. Alternate 3 includes replacement of carpet in the main library, versus reusing the existing carpet tiles.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Barnett, seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson, to accept the bid from Laiben Construction Company including Alternates 1 and 3 with a total

cost of \$120,378. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, House, Easter, Dickerson, Cunningham and Barnett. Nays; None. The motion carried.

#### Replacement of the Sewer Jet Cleaner

City Administrator John Kennedy told the council that he had received a request from Assistant Utilities Director David Richardson for the replacement of the trailer mounted sewer jet cleaner at a cost of \$27,839. He explained that the equipment had been included in the Utility Department's 2008-2009 budget and was in need of replacement because it is used daily in the maintenance of the 84 miles of sewer lines in the wastewater sewer system.

A motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to approve the purchase of the Sewer Jet Cleaner at a cost of \$27,839. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, House, Easter, Dickerson, Cunningham and Barnett. Nays; None. The motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### Flood Buy-out

Director of Community Development Dale Thomure told the council that flood buy-out funds were available for request and asked if they would be interested applying for those funds. He explained that staff would need to work quickly to complete the paper work because the application was due by May 16th. No official action was taken, but the council members didn't want time spent to complete the application with so many other projects going on currently.

#### Meter Reader Position

Utilities Director John Black made a request to replace one of two employees who have recently left the Water Department. He asked to hire a meter reader and move the employee doing the job presently back onto the construction crew. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Easter to approve hiring a meter reader for the Water Department. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members House, Easter, Dickerson and Barnett. Nays; Council Members Cunningham and Reed. The motion carried.

#### Slip Ramp

Mr. Kennedy talked to the council again about the proposed Highway 32 slip ramp. He told them he didn't want to see the project canceled completely because of the traffic problem on Congress Street going to the

Sports Complex. The council agreed to table the project for awhile and increase the police presence on Congress in the meantime.

#### Commerce Street Bridge

Kennedy told the council that the Special Road District is interested in replacing the Commerce Street Bridge and will probably be asking the City for another loan in order to do the project. He said that the Road District is presently working with the state to try to get BEAP money for engineering.

#### Emergency Vehicles

Mr. Kennedy asked the council to reconsider Bill #798 concerning Emergency Vehicles. The bill had been presented to the council for consideration before due to updated state legislation, but had been tabled. Since then the city attorney had reviewed the legislation and felt that the ordinance should be adopted.

After some discussion, Bill #798 was read two times by title. A motion was made by Councilman Easter and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council members Reed, House, Easter, Dickerson, Cunningham and Barnett. Nays; None. The motion carried.

#### Sales Tax Holidays

The Missouri Municipal League Monthly Newsletter was distributed to the council and Mr. Kennedy asked them to pay particular attention to the two items concerning sales tax holidays. He asked them to consider what impact they would have on the city and decide what action they wanted to take at a future meeting.

#### Special Meeting

Due to the upcoming scheduled bid openings for the roundabout project and the proposed starting date of May 23rd, Mr. Kennedy asked the council to hold a special meeting Monday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. to award the bids. The council agreed.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

##### City Administrator's Report

Mr. Kennedy gave the council updates on Parkway Drive, Roundabout and Columbia Park Projects. He also told them about an Economic Development Seminar that would be held at Southeast Missouri State University May 30th and asked them to contact City Clerk Carla Johnson if they were interested in

attending. He announced that the demolition of the house at 10 Wood Street was completed. He said that he had checked on the problem of cars parking on both sides of Wood Street and he really didn't see any problem. He also said that the Park Department plans to seed the area near the soccer fields but so far it's been too wet to get that done.

Kennedy also told the council that staff had meet with MoDOT and they were getting the signage ready for the truck route, but they said that they may not be able to close Highway Z to truck traffic. City limit signs would also be erected on Highway 67 at the newly annexed area.

Mr. Kennedy said that staff had also met with SEMO Regional Planning concerning health insurance and asked if the council would allow Missouri Public Entity Benefits Program to make a presentation to them concerning a health insurance pool for public entities. He said that no insurance companies were interested in forming a multi-city consortium of health insurance coverage.

Kennedy also announced that the landfill tipping fees are going up to \$2.00 per ton but said that there was a surplus in the Sanitation Department so he didn't foresee any budget problems due to the increase.

Kennedy said he had checked on "no-parking" signs on Hampton Street by the cemetery and there are none. Also, there are "no-parking" signs on A Street, but there is no ordinance allowing them so one will need to be passed at an upcoming meeting.

#### Council Discussion

Councilman Cunningham asked if staff could look into purchasing tarps for the infields at the Sports Complex.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Easter to adjourn. The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.