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MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 2, 2009

The Park Hills City Council met in work session Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Easter opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and roll call was as follows: Council Members Barnett, Dickerson, House, Kelly and Reed and Mayor Easter were present. Council Members Edgar, Glore and McRaven were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Renewal of CDs

Mr. Kennedy told the council that \$400,000 in CDs were available for reinvestment and he gave the council proposed rates from several institutions. He said that the best rate for the 60 month CD was received from US Bank at 4% and he recommended investing \$200,000 there. He said that a rate of 2.65% was received from both Belgrade Bank and Ozarks Federal for a 36 month CD and asked the council to decide where they wanted to invest the other \$200,000. A motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to invest \$200,000 in a CD at Belgrade Bank for 36 months, and \$200,000 in a CD at US Bank for 6 months. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Barnett, Dickerson, House, Kelly and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Bill #863 - An Ordinance Authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to Sign Agreement for Collection of Real Estate Taxes

Kennedy explained that the city had received a letter from St. Francois County asking the Mayor and Clerk to execute a new agreement for the collection of real estate taxes. The rate for collection of the taxes is still 2%, but the two changes to the agreement are that the County Collector will now receive a total of \$5,000 from all entities for the service and the agreement automatically renews each year unless one of the parties gives sixty days written notice prior to March 1st that the agreement be terminated or renegotiated.

Bill #863, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement for the collection of real estate taxes, was read two times by title. A motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, Kelly, House, Dickerson and Barnett. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Woodlawn Drive Speed Limit

Mr. Kennedy told the council that following completion of construction activities in and around the Fairgrounds Drive interchange, a portion of the west outer road (Woodlawn Drive) was conveyed to the City

of Park Hills. He said that since that time of conveyance, speed limits have not been established for this new street and if speed limits other than 25 miles per hour are established, Schedule I of Section 300 of the Municipal Code needs to be revised to reflect these designated speed limits. He told the council that the City of Farmington is in the process of changing the speed limits for the southern section of Woodlawn Drive within their city limits to 45 mph, and the Presiding Commissioner of St. Francois County has endorsed changing the speed limits for the County's portion to 45 mph. He asked the council if they wished to consider an ordinance at the next regular meeting setting the speed limit on the portion of Woodlawn Drive that lies in the City of Park Hills between Fairgrounds Drive and the southern city limits to 45 mph. They asked that an ordinance be prepared for the June 9th meeting.

Old Library Building

Mr. Kennedy talked to the council about their ideas for the use of the old Library Building. He gave several suggested uses and after a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Reed to move the Police Department into the old Library Building, leave the Court Department in the municipal building with some renovations and a possible change of the Court Clerk's Office, and to move the Code Enforcement Officers into some of the offices that presently house the Police Department. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Barnett, Dickerson, House, Kelly and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Dog Pound

Mr. Kennedy spoke to the council concerning the location of the dog pound. Because UPRR is asking for a \$2,000 per year lease agreement for property proposed for the dog pound, he asked if the council would be interested in one of two other properties. He told them about a lot that is located near the sports complex and also a lot that is presently owned by Steve LaPlante and located near the municipal building. Mr. LaPlante has offered to sell the lot to the city for \$7,000 and also take a lot on Adams Street off our hands as part of the deal.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to authorize staff to negotiate the transaction and execute the documents for the lot owned by Laplante. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members House, Kelly, Reed, Barnett and Dickerson. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Proposed Ordinance on Fire Boundaries

Kennedy told the council that in 2006, the Missouri Legislature amended state statutes to include municipal fire departments staffed by volunteers in the definition of "volunteer fire protection associations", which allows such departments to define and file with the appropriate county administrative body. The Park Hills Fire Department and Community Development Department have worked together with surrounding fire departments to construct a map describing the Park Hills Fire Department protection area. Kennedy gave the council a copy of a proposed ordinance and a map showing the area that will be considered at the upcoming regular council meeting. He explained that the ordinance also establishes the services to be provided within the fire protection area and the charges associated with the provision of those services. ***No action was taken.***

Administrative Search Warrants

A proposed ordinance for an upcoming meeting was discussed concerning administrative search warrants. The ordinance had been discussed at a previous meeting and the council was concerned that the it contained language which would allow seizure of property. They had instructed staff to remove the

language and bring the ordinance back for consideration. The new ordinance will be written removing the language concerning seizure.

Fire Department Presentation

Fire Chief Rick Whaley gave a power point presentation of a demo ladder truck that was available for purchase.

OTHER ITEMS

City Administrator's Report

FEMA/SEMA - Kennedy reported that our area still had not received an official declaration as a disaster area from the Federal Government.

Hovis Farm Water Line - Kennedy reported that it was discovered that a portion of the 8inch water main running from the Rivermines Street booster to the Davis Tank was washed out by the May 8 rains. Approximately 100 feet of the main was exposed, and the fill had to be replaced. The area was re-contoured to divert runoff away from the water main.

Swimming Pool - Mr. Kennedy reported that the swimming pool is open and the new slide and umbrellas are very popular.

Paving Update - Kennedy said that McKinley, Bryan and Kingsland Streets have been paved and that work was being done on Firmin Street and West Elvins Blvd. He told the council that paving of the streets in the Franklin, Donald, Rinke area will go out for bid in the near future.

Other items

Mr. Kennedy told the council that the Health Department has mandated that the floor be replaced and other repairs be made at the Nutrition Center and asked if the council would authorize staff to solicit bids for the necessary work. A motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to authorize staff to go out for bid on repairs for the Nutrition Center. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council members House, Kelly, Reed, Barnett and Dickerson. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Kennedy explained that Mr. Woods, the owner of a Mobile Home Park at the end of Third Street, has registered to speak at the next regular council meeting. Mr. Woods has issues with the city ordinance that restricts the replacement of existing mobile homes with homes to five years old or newer.

Mr. Kennedy said that after a call from a resident concerning an ambulance not being able to find Stephens Street, staff checked and not only were there no street signs, but there were no stop signs at critical intersections. He said that he would prepare an ordinance to be considered at the next regular meeting.

Kennedy reported that he had authorized City Attorney Ed Pultz to attend the Missouri Municipal Attorney's Conference. He said that Mr. Pultz had attended the conference each year and gained valuable knowledge from his attendance.

Mr. Kennedy also said that Mr. Schultz on Tenth Street had an issue with breaks in his service line and the location of his water meter. He asked if the water department would move his meter closer to his house

after they install the new water main along Tenth Street, but typically that isn't done unless the property owner resides in the city limits and Mr. Schultz does not. Kennedy asked the council members if they wanted the water department to assist Mr. Schultz even if he did not annex into the city, and they did not.

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Dickerson said that the Chamber of Commerce is wanting to schedule a Fourth Fest the weekend before the Fourth of July, 2010, and asked if the city crews would assist in the celebration.

Councilman Barnett reported dirty pavilions in Columbia Park and asked if new barbeque grills had been installed. Kennedy replied that the pavilion problem had been addressed and that new grills had in fact been installed.

Councilman Kelly said that the grass in Elvins Park is getting high and asked that it be cut. He would like to see additional improvements to this park.

Councilwoman House reported limbs blocking the sidewalk on Crane Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to adjourn. ***The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.***