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MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 27, 2010

The Park Hills City Council met in work session Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Easter opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was as follows: Council Members Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, Politte, House and McRaven and Mayor Easter were present. Council Members Kelly and Reed were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Senior Center Budget

City Administrator John Kennedy presented the Council with the State FY 2010-2011 Budget for the Senior Center. He explained that the state fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 each year and staff tries to blend that with the City's current budget to come up with the best estimate. The FY 2010-2011 budget is very similar to last year's budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to approve the Senior Center Budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Council Members Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, Politte, House and McRaven. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

Councilman Reed came in at this time.

Senior Center Contract with SEMO AAA

Kennedy said that this is the standard contract so that the Senior Center can receive SEMO AAA funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Cunningham and seconded by Councilwoman McRaven to approve the contract with SEMO AAA. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Resolution #108 - Concerning the Annexation of Property - Clubb

Kennedy told the Council that Resolution #108 is a little different than the annexation resolutions we have done in the past because the property is not contiguous to the city limits. If the petition for annexation is accepted and the resolution is approved by the City Council, then if the property becomes contiguous to the city limits the owners of the land would be obligated to annex into the City of Park Hills.

After finding a mistake in the wording of the petition, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to table action on the resolution until the next regular meeting. Roll

call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Dickerson, Edgar, Politte, House, McRaven, Reed and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried and the item was tabled.***

Resolution #109 - Accepting Petition for Annexation and Setting Public Hearing

Resolution #109, accepting the petition for annexation from Ernest and Brenda Gibson and setting the public hearing date for June 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., was read two times by title.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilwoman House to approve the resolution as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Approval of Purchase of Dive Towers

Kennedy said that quotes were received and we have the opportunity to purchase two 1 meter dive towers for \$11,535, even though staff budgeted \$10,000 for only one. A motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to purchase two 1 meter dive towers at a cost of \$11,535. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members McRaven, Reed, Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, Politte and House. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

Approval of Ameren Contracts for Annexation Utilities

Mr. Kennedy said that staff is requesting that we table this item until we can do some more research and see if there is a cheaper way to install the electric service to the lift stations. The Missing Peace has informed staff that they have no money to assist with the cost, but we are checking to see if the City can receive a rebate for a portion of the costs if the church gets service at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilman Cunningham and seconded by Councilman Reed to table this item until a future meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members McRaven, Reed, Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, Politte and House. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

Police Station Bids

Kennedy explained that the City had engaged McCaul, McCaul and Associates to do the design work for the remodeling of the old Library into a new Police Station. Four bids were received and the apparent low bidder was Ken Mosier Construction with a bid of \$128,036. Kennedy said that \$100,000 was budgeted for the project. Chris McCaul has reviewed the bids and is recommending that the project be awarded to Ken Mosier Construction with a notice to proceed as appropriate.

A motion was made by Reed and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to accept the bid from Ken Mosier Construction in the amount of \$128,036 for the remodeling of the old Library. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members McRaven, Reed, Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, Politte and House. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

Approval of Hiring of Senior Center Cook

Mr. Kennedy told the Council Members that the Senior Center recently lost a cook due to health issues. In the interim, Rose Ray has been filling in for the ill employee. She seems to fit well with the other cooks, knows her way around the kitchen and deals well with the seniors. Director Holly Buxton has requested that Ms. Ray be hired as a permanent part-time cook. Councilwoman Dickerson noticed that Ms. Ray had not signed her application.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to approve hiring Rose Ray as a permanent part-time cook pending her signing her application. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried***

Approval of Lease Amendment with UPRR

Mr. Kennedy said that the City has two leases with UPRR, one for the Firehouse across the street from the Council Chambers, and the other is an un-platted extension of View Street which runs from Congress down to the alley. The City has leased railroad Right-of-way for vehicles to move on to Main Street. The area across Main Street and below the railroad tracks is also not a street, even though the City has paved it and it is being used as a public thoroughfare.

This request was prompted by the person who leases Zippy Lube. They contacted the railroad trying to lease that segment of property. The railroad contacted the City saying they would rather lease it to us at no additional cost.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilman Cunningham, to authorizing the City Administrator to sign the lease amendment with UPRR. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried***

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fire Truck Purchase

Fire Chief Rick Whaley spoke to the Council concerning the purchase of a new fire truck. Whaley said that staff planned to submit an application for the Fire Act Grant, the City would only be eligible to purchase equipment with the grant money. He reminded the council members that the approximate cost of a pumper truck is \$320,000 and the cost of a ladder truck is \$530,000 and up.

When asked which truck he thought would be most needed, he answered that the ladder truck would be the preference of the Fire Department.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to have Mayor Easter appoint a Fire Truck Committee to meet with manufacturers to compile specs for a new truck and to put those out for public bid. It was suggested that three members of the City Council and the Fire Chief and two Assistant Chief serve on the committee. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

A motion was also made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Reed to have staff apply for a grant to purchase equipment for a ladder truck. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried***

Bike Route

Kennedy went over a proposed bike route with the Council Members. He explained that we would not be

establishing separate bicycle lanes, but would use the existing streets along the route with signs that designate the street as being shared with bicycles. He suggested that at least fourteen signs at \$18 each would be needed to mark the route, along with a few poles. Some signs could be attached to existing poles. Kennedy said if the Council was in favor of doing this, he would like to defer any action until the regular meeting when the press would attend and cover the story in order to educate the public on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to bring the discussion concerning the Bike Route to the next regular meeting. *The motion carried with all in favor.*

STP Projects

Mr. Kennedy asked the Council what projects they would prefer to do with the STP monies. There is approximately \$177,000 available and this is the last year that the funds have been authorized. The budgeted amount with the necessary City match is \$222,244. The money must be used on major routes, not arterial routes, and must be obligated for a project no later than June of this year. Although several projects were discussed, no action was taken to obligate the funds for any of them.

OTHER ITEMS

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Kennedy reported on the following items:

South Water Tank/Leadington Booster:

- South water tank is filled, tested, and on line (in service).
- There is a slight elevation difference between the overflow points for the south tank and the Leadington tank, and adjustments have been made to prevent overflows.
- Program for automatic operation of the booster is still not functional.

Annexation Utilities:

- Not much change since the report of April 13.
- The waterline that was severed with the rock saw has been replaced, flushed, and test samples have been sent off.
- Some cleanup and landscaping was done, primarily behind Christian Life Ministries Church.
- The gas company has temporarily relocated their line along Flat River Road, and rock removal continues just south of the former Lee Mechanical entrance.
- We are reviewing the cost of providing electrical power to the lift stations per the request of Councilman Kelly.

Sports Complex Lighting:

- Dooley and I met with Musco Lighting, who presented an alternative to going through project design and competitive bidding by using a purchasing pool.
- Ed Pultz has looked into this process, and has found no reason that we can't go forward.
- If we go through the pool, Musco has given us a firm quote of \$164,000 for the poles and lighting hardware. This compares to a previous estimate of \$190,000-\$200,000 from Musco.
- The only other sports lighting company that has given us an estimate is Hubbell Lighting, who estimated \$140,000 for poles and hardware, but for about 15% less lighting than Musco.
- Use of the purchasing pool requires adoption of a resolution and passage of an Interlocal Agreement.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman House to bring back the Interlocal Agreement for consideration at the next regular council meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Reed, McRaven, House, Politte, Edgar, Dickerson and Cunningham. Nays; None. ***The motion carried***

Haney Park Soils Tests/Trail/Pedestrian Bridge

- I had a meeting with representatives of Doe Run, EPA, and DNR regarding the Haney Park/Soccer Fields area.
- EPA still believes that the area needs to be covered sooner rather than later.
- Doe Run has proposed to place 12 inches of topsoil or rock over the area, beginning at the Mimosa Street end, which EPA has approved.
- Cover of the soccer fields will not take place before November 1, 2010, and will be completed prior to the spring growing season to allow for revegetation of the playing areas.
- We will need to place deed restrictions on all property that wasn't acquired through a flood buyout to prohibit anything other than recreational use.
- Doe Run has agreed to place rock in any area that plan to designate as a parking lot, and will also place rock on the trail route.
- We have a meeting with Bowen Engineering tomorrow to review the trail plans and see what we need to do with respect to MODOT to move forward with the trail.
- The pedestrian bridge is almost ready to go out for bid. MODOT did a final review of the plans, and requested five minor changes to the bid specifications, which should be completed by tomorrow.

Gumbo Street Ditch Repair:

- Burgess Construction has completed the concrete work on two 40 to 50 foot sections of the ditch, starting at the Camilla Street end.
- Clearing is underway on the next section.

- Some backfill has been placed behind the walls.

St. Joe Drive:

- Work is complete.

Firehouse Repair:

- BBL met with Matt Whitwell and Chief Whaley yesterday, and clarified the scope of work.
- They will begin roof and wall replacement on or about June 1.

National Day of Prayer:

- The Mineral Area Ministerial Alliance has requested use of the lawn and flagpole area for a prayer service on May 6 at noon.

Other:

- **Large Stones Near the Federal Standpipe**
 - o In the past, we have tried to find a purchaser for these large stones, but were unable to generate any interest due to the extremely large dimensions.
 - o This area is an attractive nuisance that shows signs of regular use by unknown persons.
 - o I have been contacted by someone who is looking for large dimension stones, who has asked if he could have them at no charge due to the high cost of removal.
 - o I recommend allowing the removal to clean up the area and eliminate the use of this place for unidentified purposes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilwoman McRaven to allow Chris McCaul to haul the rock from the area near the Federal Standpipe. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

- **Planning & Zoning Vacancies:**
 - o We currently have two vacancies for P & Z, one in Ward 2 and another in Ward 4.
 - o Vacancies are filled by mayoral appointments, with approval by the City Council.
 - o Please forward suggestions to the Mayor for his consideration.

Mayor Council Discussion

Mayor Easter and none of the Council Members had anything to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman McRaven and seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adjourn. ***The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.***