

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe and Harri. Councilpersons Brown and Letarte were absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Treasurer Robert Damon, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Assessor Mike Baker, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

NRHP Nomination: The DDA is making arrangements to complete this project at a later date. Red Ribbon Hall: The DDA is the owner of this property and discussions are ongoing as to the plans for the building.

LDFA:

South Industrial Park Infrastructure: Construction of the sewer line is complete with the roadway work in progress. The City is finding a new location for the conservation easement per direction from the LDFA, with the anticipated completion of this project for mid 2010.

Infrastructure Projects:

MDOT 50/99 Project: The project is done for the season and will resume in April of 2010, with the anticipated completion date in October. State Street Project: The MDOT approvals for this project are now underway with further engineering work being completed with Council approval as more monies become available as anticipated in January.

Grants:

MSHDA/CDBG: Second round of funding is under way and all funds have been obligated.

Construction is ongoing and the City is beginning to plan for a third round of grant funding at the next opportunity.

Electrical Department:

Power Supply Committee: The prices have been obtained and Council has set the strike price. Winter Shut Off Rules: The MMEA has developed a set of rules which is now being implemented. Energy Optimization: The Plan has been completed and the project is on-going. Renewable Portfolio: The Plan has been approved and implemented. Landfill Gas Project: MPPA project is on-going with anticipating to incorporate this renewable component into our RPS Plan design.

Miscellaneous Projects:

City Hall Pocket Park: Funding is tied to the DDA/MDOT Streetscaping Project and construction is planned for the Summer of 2010. Joint Marketing Project: Project is on-going with coordinated efforts from the Schools, Chamber, LDFA and Hospital.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mike Strader, from MERS, gave Council a presentation on the City's Pension Plan. Mr. Strader gave several different scenarios on cost saving ideas, which included a hybrid plan, a Bridge Benefit as well as increasing Employee Contributions. Mr. Strader also stated that another option to the City would be to have new hires under a different division with lower benefits. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Strader for the presentation.

Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the recommendations from the Audit report regarding GASB 45. Treasurer Damon stated that he had received quotes from Burnham & Flower for two amounts. Treasurer Damon stated that Option 1 would be that they would do the calculation at no cost as long as the City was willing to fund the liability with them. The amount that Burnham & Flower would receive for the funded portion would be 1/2% annually. Treasurer Damon stated that Option 2 would be that they would do the calculation at a cost of \$1,915.00, and give the information to the City and the City could then fund the liability as they so choose. Treasurer Damon stated that Option 3 would be to have Watkins, Ross & Company do a full Actuarial Valuation at a cost of \$3,958.00. Treasurer Damon stated that it was his recommendation to have Council go with Option 1, which at that time the City could either decide to fund the liability with Burnham & Flower or at that time pay the \$1,915.00, and fund the liability however the City wanted. This item will appear on the March 22nd Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the options for the City Manager search. Mayor Platte stated that MML was willing to do the search, and it would be a cost increase to split the duties of Manager and Electrical, but MML could handle both searches at the same time if Council so desired. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have the Budget

prepared for the funding of two positions, and then to Council to review the budget to see what cuts were being proposed to fund this option and proceed after that.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the Electrical System Appraisal quotes that he had received from GRP Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$9,800.00, as well as a quote from Sidock Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$17,800.00. Superintendent Poyer stated that the quotes were for the same work being performed, and that he had worked with both Companies and did not have a problem with either, so it would be his recommendation to Council to approve the quote from GRP Engineering, Inc. This item will appear on the March 22nd Agenda.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the phone system quotes that he had received. Superintendent Poyer stated that he is in the process of receiving another quote from Cisco. After Council discussion it was decided to have this item removed from the table and put back on the March 22nd Agenda.

Other Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk