

**Minutes
PW Committee
June 1, 2015
6:00 PM
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Dale Black and Bob Cook. PW Director Mike Lambert and Trey Eubanks, City Administrator were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment

Dean Kirkland: I got peaved last night because I didn't get an answer to my question. I asked the City Administrator how much is in the bank?

Trey Eubanks: Undesignated fund balance is about \$6.6 milion.

Dean Kirkland: If we have that much money in the bank, why do we have a \$3.4 million bond?

Councilman Goodson: This is Public Works.

Councilman Cook: This is how we are running the City.

Dean Kirkland: I don't like it and a lot of people don't either.

Councilman Goodson: We have a sewer bond.

Dean Kirkland: What did we pay \$8000 for? We do things and it sits there.

What about the equipment we bought? We hire people out of state. Don't you think there are people around here that would be glad to have a job here in the City?

Chairman Goodson: The bond is to pay for maintenance of the sewer. There is an amount of money we have to pay to get the right contractor for the job. I understand your question. Mr. Eubanks how close are we to getting a contractor?

Trey Eubanks: Council can vote to approve a contractor at the July meeting.

Dean Kirkland: I said are you aware that people aren't getting their reviews? Did you find that to be true, Mr. City Manager?

Trey Eubanks: I am not going to discuss a personnel matter in a public forum.

Councilman Cook: We are not discussing personalities.

Dean Kirkland: I am not discussing personalities. You called me a liar.

Councilman Cook: We are not going to listen to this all night. I am getting tired of this stuff.

Dean Kirkland: Do you know if people are missing their reviews?

Councilman Cook: That is administration policy, that is personnel.

Chairman Goodson: We need to move forward. It is 8:00p.m. I want to get through and I want you to be in here.

3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Black made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget report- Mike reported that the ideal remaining is 8 percent. All five divisions are above that percentage.

5. Unfinished business.

Trey Eubanks mentioned that the PW Director and staff have worked with the contractor and have the plaque for Gabe Hunter ready. The council can decide if they want to have a dedication ceremony. Chairman Goodson said he would like to do that and will coordinate with Trey. Chairman Goodson said we should do something in conjunction with the barbecue event.

6. New business.

- a. City Center and Recreation facility lighting- We have discussed needing additional lighting around City Center Drive and at the Sports Center parking lot for safety purposes. We can retrofit the existing fixtures with LED fixtures, which are brighter. The LED lights cost more, but use less power. The company that looked at this also recommend replacing 24 lights at the fitness area and 18 over the gymnasium. The total price for all is \$25,989. That would almost draw down the rest of the money we have from our Conserve fund loan. This loan helped us with the HVAC costs and lighting for city hall as well. Changing to LED lighting would reduce power and save about \$6600 annually on our power bill.

Chairman Goodson said the lights in the fitness area and gym have been difficult to change. He asked what the warranty would be. Trey said he would get the warranty details. Chairman Goodson asked Trey to get the increase in lumens.

Councilman Black asked if this money was sitting there already. Trey said it is sitting there in the balance of the loan. Councilman Black said

he thinks we should just pay this, because we are paying 1.5% interest. Trey said we could do that and not worry about the interest. Councilman Black said we have been talking about lighting since Thanksgiving. He asked if the lights in the parking lot could be put on a timer so they don't blind the neighbors behind the sports center. Trey said we would want to do that. Councilman Black said we need to make sure these lights don't go against our lighting ordinance. Mike said the department is changing wall packs to LED. They are on backorder, but should be in soon. Councilman Black said he would rather pay for this instead of borrowing money. Councilman Cook said there are some options and council can choose which way to pay for the lighting.

Councilman Black seconded the motion to send this item to council and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Dean Kirkland: Why at the last council meeting, did no respond to me about picking out a different fence instead of chain link. If it takes four months to get a hole in the garbage can, how long will it take on the fence? This is slow. Is Public Safety up yet? They don't meet? Ok. We have a million dollar contract for the Sports Center. Who is going to pay that? Three million dollars? No response to my question?

Chairman Goodson; I don't understand the million dollars.

Dean Kirkland: If there is a wreck, people put in burn centers because of the alcohol. That costs more than \$1 million? Who will pay the rest? Taxpayers?

Chairman Goodson: There is a tort liability. We are satisfied with one million dollars.

8. Committee concerns.- Councilman Black said he appreciates the flags for Memorial Day. There were a lot of poles with brackets and no flags and a lot of

poles with no brackets. He would like to cover the whole town for Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the other holidays. Same thing with the Christmas lights. We need to check all of those. He then asked about weeds. He has noticed a lot of vegetation growing in sidewalk cracks. Mike said the week before last, parks made an effort to spray and weed all landscaping areas. Councilman Black said he noticed that, but that the sidewalks didn't look good. Councilman Black said this is something that should be on a schedule.

Chairman Goodson said he would to get an update regarding the sewer crew work. Chairman Goodson asked if we are going to mosquito spray this year. Trey said we normally do that in July. Mike said he would check on when it would start.

Councilman Black asked about the paving list. Mike said paving starts in October. Greenville Water is out marking their lines now. Councilman Black said the end of Brookbend Road needs to be paved. It was paid for but not finished.

Leo Joyce: Brookbend Road was the last of the paving and then they stopped.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

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