

Minutes of Special Meeting held February 24, 2014

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Sam Cortez, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Director of Animal Control Services Betty Kroeger, Library Director Cassandra Cortez.

Visitors: Bryan Mask, Wayne Beyer, Ernest Kroeger, Luz Sanchez-Moreno.

**CONSIDER AUDIT REPORT FOR 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR**

Wayne Beyer presented the audit report for fiscal year 2012-2013. Mr. Beyer told Council that the city had received an unqualified opinion for this year's audit which is good because nothing was found and everything they asked for was received.

Mr. Beyer told Council that the General Fund had a good year and showed a \$201,000.00 gain. He also said the budget variance for the General Fund was very favorable.

The auditor reviewed the Water, Gas and Sewer Funds with Council and pointed out the good equity for each fund and said the ratios for the Water Fund was about 25 to 1, the Gas Fund about 23 to 1 and the Sewer Fund 3 ½ to 1 and these were all really good since ratios are usually 1 ½ to 1.

Mr. Beyer told Council that the city has a conservative realistic budget, and said this shows a mature Council. Mr. Beyer said that no management letter was necessary this year.

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the budget report and payment for this service. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER HIRING AUDITING FIRM FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT**

The City Secretary told Council that Beyer & Company would perform this year's audit for the same price as this past year (\$10,750.00). Alderman Stone made the motion that Council hire Beyer & Company to perform the 2013-2014 Audit for \$10,750.00. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER EXTENSION OF BID DEADLINE ON GIDLEY PROPERTY REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Bryan Mask told Council one bid was received for the Gidley property renovation and it was for over \$260,000.00, which was way over what he had calculated. Mr. Mask told Council that he had also received an alternate bid of \$236,000.00 for asphalt instead of pavers and this was also way too high. Mr. Mask told Council companies are not having to bid on jobs right now and therefore, there is not much interest in this job. Mr. Mask told Council we could extend this bid deadline again and see if we get more bids. Council discussed the option of combining this project with the park project, but this would put this project off until September. Mayor asked Mr. Mask to check with Bury Board. Mr. Mask recommended the bid deadline for this project be extended and the city readvertise. Alderman Keith made the motion that Council extend the

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REVITALIZATION PROJECT (CONT.)**

deadline for the Gidley property renovation and readvertise for bids. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**EVALUATION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Mayor Bowen announced that Council would discuss evaluations with each of the department heads.

Mayor Bowen announced at 7:00 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074 Subchapter D of the Government Code to discuss the evaluation of Betty Kroeger. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and announced that Council had discussed the evaluation of Betty Kroeger and no action was taken.

Mayor Bowen announced at 7:45 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074 Subchapter D of the Government Code to discuss the evaluation of Cassandra Cortez. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and announced that Council had discussed the evaluation of Cassandra Cortez and no action was taken.

Council took a short break at 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Bowen announced at 8:36 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074 Subchapter D of the Government Code to discuss the evaluation of James McGrath. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and announced that Council had discussed the evaluation of James McGrath and no action was taken.

Mayor Bowen announced at 9:40 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074 Subchapter D of the Government Code to discuss the evaluation of Richard Priest. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 10:09 p.m. and announced that Council had discussed the evaluation of Richard Priest and no action was taken.

Mayor Bowen announced at 10:10 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074 Subchapter D of the Government Code to discuss the evaluation of Josie Campa. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 11:00 p.m. and announced that Council had discussed the evaluation of Josie Campa and no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.