

Minutes of Planning Workshop held October 25, 2010

Planning workshop with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; Library Director Cassandra Cortez.

Visitors: Kevin Kneupper, Eddie Kneupper, Hector Barrera, Brad Boyd, Police Sgt. Frank Reyes, Police Cpl. Daniel Gamez, Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Matt Dear.

Mayor Bowen opened the workshop at 7:15 p.m.

Brad Boyd talked to Council about things that he feels need to be addressed when planning is addressed for utilities. Mr. Boyd told Council that he would like to see Carrizo Water Wells for the city. He went on to tell Council about Bubba Light's well. Alderman Stone explained to Mr. Boyd that Council had studied this well and the possibility of Carrizo Water for the city. Mr. Boyd told Council about the cost of impact fees for his duplexes and told Council that these fees discourage growth.

After discussion, Mr. Boyd agreed to place this mater on the next agenda.

Police Chief Richard Priest presented his plans, projects, goals and ideas for the police department over the next five years. The Chief thoroughly reviewed his plans with Council.

Council took a short break at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Director of Public Works James McGrath presented his list of things he feels the Council needs to consider for the city's long-range plan.

Library Director Cassandra Cortez talked to Council about the staffing situation at the library and said this item would be on the November agenda.

Ms. Cortez told Council she feels that due to the amount of books, she feels another addition will be needed in about five years. She said a larger processing and catalog section is needed now.

The Library Director told Council that the Summer Reading Program will need to be split into two sessions due to its success and talked about the need for a print master program to control the printing of material by library patrons.

City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her views for things needing to be addressed when compiling a long-range plan for the city.

Fire Chief Matt Dear presented plans and goals for the fire department.

Council agreed to start work on a plan for the city in the next couple of months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.