

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKSHOP) MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2011, HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jimmie D. Lansford presiding.

TIME: The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson and Mayor Lansford.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager, Paul C. Nicholson; City Engineer & Director of Community Development, Jeremy Palm; City Attorney, Stephen C. Myers, City Clerk, Pamela K. Leonard, Jeff Anderson, Police Chief, and David Fussell, Director of Public Works.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1.) DISCUSSION REGARDING –2011 Tax Levy – Final Ordinance

Paul C. Nicholson, City Manager and Pamela K. Leonard, City Clerk/Treasurer, reported on the revised tax levy.

2.) DISCUSSION REGARDING – Letter of Intent Regarding ‘I-Fiber’ – Fiber Optic Installation

Nicholson, reported on this item stating that there would be Wi-Fi completed to City Hall by June 23, 2012.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING – Official Snow Route System – Truck Route Basis

Nicholson reported that he and the Public Works Director were proposing to use the City’s designated truck routes as snow routes, but that it would need Council approval. Following Council discussion, Nicholson stated that they would have a draft ordinance ready for Council’s review at the January Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.) DISCUSSION REGARDING – Parking Ban/Bike Path Proposal – Park, Bloomington, Bridge & Main

Nicholson presented and Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, reported on the item. Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to proceed with the bike path or the parking ban.

5.) DISCUSSION REGARDING – 2012 AF Golf Rate Recommendation – Ad Hoc Golf Committee

Nicholson presented the item and stated that the proposal offered a one time 25% discount for 2011 annual members if they renewed their membership in 2012 and paid for it by March 15th. Nicholson stated that this was in regards to the “greens” issue during the 2011 season. Nicholson also presented the request for proposal for grounds maintenance. The City Attorney stated that he would review this document. Council agreed to discuss the item after legal review.

6.) DISCUSSION REGARDING – E-Waste Proposal(s) – Proposed City E-Waste Program

Nicholson stated that the City has received calls from 2 different companies that are interested in setting up collection services within the City for E-Waste.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING – James Street Recreation Complex Utilization

Nicholson discussed the lack of usage of the facility. Nicholson reported that the high school has an interest in using the facility for their baseball program. Nicholson also stated that the City was going to start some base work on the facility so that it will be ready for use at the beginning of the baseball season.

SHORT SELECTED SUBJECTS:

a. November 21, 2012 City Council meeting change.

Nicholson requested that the Council move next year's November meeting from its normal day of Wednesday November the 21st to Tuesday, November 20th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

b. AFSCME Request to Commence Collective Bargaining

Nicholson reported that he had received notice from AFSCME (Public Works) requesting to commence collective bargaining.

c. Municipal Electric Aggregation

Nicholson reported on this issue. Councilman Benner questioned whether the City would get free electricity and what the deadline for having this put on the next ballot.

Prior to adjourning to closed session Nicholson reported on a meeting with himself, the Mayor and Toni Petit stating that they discussed concerns she had with:

- Vandalism at City owned parks
- Vacant buildings in the Central Business District
- The lease or sale of Central Business District buildings utilizing the first floor as living space

Councilman Hart questioned whether Armstrong Park is ever utilized and whether the City could sell this property.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Hart moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting, seconded by Benner.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Pamela K. Leonard, City Clerk