

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Monday, June 23, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Andover Central Park Lodge
Minutes

Members present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Clark Nelson, Kris Estes, Byron Stout IV, and Troy Tabor. City Council Member Sheri Geisler was absent.

Others in attendance:

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, City Clerk Susan Renner, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, Chief Financial Officer Donna Davis, IT Director Bill Duggan, Police Captain Justin Phillips, and Fire Chief Chad Russell.

Guests:

County Commissioner Jeff Masterson

Mayor Ben Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Draft sales tax ballot question resolution

Mayor Ben Lawrence provided a memo to the Council and staff regarding his comments about a raise in the State sales tax. He would like to have a press release regarding the upcoming question for a 1% sales tax increase for the purpose of lowering the mill levy and to fund for capital improvement projects that are needed and have been continually put off, i.e. a new street shop.

The Council discussed the resolution and determined if adopted town hall meetings would be scheduled for public input and the question would be on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Council Member Byron Stout opposed the resolution presented. He believes there should be a date for the tax to sunset and a clearer objective as to what capital improvement projects would be funded.

Several Council Members commented that the sales tax revenue would be spent as directed by the Council seated at the time of expenditure and would be selected as part of the annual budget process.

Staff was directed to bring a draft communication plan to the July 8 Council meeting along with a list of the current capital improvement projects proposed to be financed by the sales tax if approved.

2015 Budget

Senior staff was in attendance to discuss the need for employee pay increases in 2015. Staff provided Council with historical information on Social Security COLA and merit raises since 2008, the amount of increase in employee insurance premiums, and cost projections for raises.

Sasha Stiles asked the Council if funds were available in the 2015 budget if they would be open to employee raises. She added that the information would be provided to the Salary Review Committee for their recommendation to the Council.

Council concurred if the money was available pay increases would be considered.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark Nelson, seconded by Council Member Troy Tabor, at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner

City Clerk

Approved this July day of 8th, 2014, by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.