

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Monday, July 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Andover Central Park Lodge
Minutes

Members present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Clark Nelson, Sheri Geisler, Kris Estes (left at 8:05pm), Byron Stout IV, and Troy Tabor.

Others in attendance:

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

Guests:

Library Director Tom Taylor and Library Board Member Bryan White , Christy Downing and Jala Miller with IMA Insurance, Wichita.

Mayor Ben Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2015/2016 Wellness Incentives structure

Jalaa Miller, IMA Health Risk Manager, gave a presentation regarding the 2015/2016 proposed employee wellness program and City employee benefits. Ms. Miller explained the City's Wellness Committee, comprised of one employee from each department, had recommended a tobacco free insurance premium discount for the 2015/2016 year. She added this is an industry trend with the rationale that tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of premature death in the U.S.

Council Member Clark Nelson was not in favor of any kind of surcharge or discounts whether an employee was a tobacco user or not.

The remaining Council member concurred and directed staff to move forward with the surcharge/discount.

2015 Proposed Budget

Sasha Stiles explained there was a 3.2% increase in valuation, the best increase since 2008. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program was in the budget and will be for a maximum of five years at which point all parties that took advantage of the program will be back on the tax roll. Ms. Stiles

stated there is no mill levy increase in the proposed budget and it included a 6.5% pool for employee pay increases. The distribution of the pool will be determined by the Salary Review Committee that is appointed in November. The notice of hearing will be published on August 2 for the hearing at the August 12 Council meeting.

Council concurred the budget was great as presented.

Sales tax communication plan

Jennifer McCausland presented a communication plan for the 2014 sales tax vote if the resolution is adopted at the August 12 Council meeting. The plan includes use of City channel 7, City website, utility bill mailing, open houses, public meetings, the Alert Andover system, and any other way staff can find to get the word out.

Council Member Byron Stout wants to make sure the public understands what capital improvements are and how the funds would be spent.

Mayor Ben Lawrence will also be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce members to explain the initiative to them.

A motion was made by Council Member Troy Tabor, seconded by Council Member Sheri Geisler at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner

City Clerk

Approved this 12th day of August, 2014, by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.