

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Monday, December 29, 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, Byron Stout IV, and Troy Tabor.

Others in attendance:

Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, City Clerk Susan Renner, Chief Financial Officer Donna Davis, Police Chief Michael Keller, Fire Chief Chad Russell, Interim City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, Recreation Director Seth Carey, Stormwater Manager Rick Lanzrath and City Financial Advisor Mark Detter.

Guests: n/a

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

Waste Connections Inc. contract renewal

Jennifer McCausland presented the contract that was to be presented for consideration at the council meeting Tuesday, December 30.

Rick Lanzrath stated the rates in the proposed seven year agreement are less than any other City being serviced by Waste Connections. He spoke with WCI in an effort to negotiate the removal of any increase over the term of the contract. It was determined there would be either a 3% annual increase or an increase equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (past ten year average of 2.48 %.) Staff believes the CPI increase is the better option as it is determined by the US Department of Labor. There will be no fuel surcharges and the first increase if any would be July 1, 2016. For those reasons he believes the contract as presented would be in the best interest of the citizens of Andover.

The proposed agreement will be considered at the December 30 City Council meeting.

Street Shop design estimates & capital improvement projects for Parks, Fire and Police

Jennifer McCausland handed out street shop cost estimates received in 2012 and a current estimate from GLMV Architects. There was an approximate increase of 4 % per year.

The Council discussed the capital improvement projects they felt where necessary to provide adequate services to the citizens.

1. Replacement of the 40 year old street shop where equipment is being kept outside due to lack of proper facilities (estimated at \$3.2 million)

2. The purchase of a 75' Quint fire truck to replace the 1987 Quint currently in service (\$750,000)
3. The addition of much needed restrooms and drinking fountains in Central Park (cost to be drafted for a six stall plus one family restroom by Rice-Foster)

Council Members also commented about the proven history of a sales tax paying for facilities with the library and City hall and both being paid off prior to the sunset dates.

Sales tax question

Mark Detter provided information outlining how long and at what rate of sales tax would be required to pay for the items discussed; .5 % would sunset in five (5) years; .75 % sunset in three (3) years; or a 1 % sunset in two and one-half (2.5) years.

Council concurred a .75% sales tax question on the April 2015 ballot should be considered. An increase in property tax to provide the necessary equipment and facilities is not something the Council was willing to consider at this time.

The Council also discussed the wording of the question and Mayor Lawrence would speak to City Attorney JT Klaus to have the question written in a clearer manner.

Staff was directed to bring a resolution for the sales tax question to the January 13, 2015 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Troy Tabor, seconded by Council Member Byron Stout at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner

City Clerk

Approved this 13th day of January, 2015, by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.