

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2015

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 7:50 p.m.), Byron Stout IV, and Troy Tabor.

Others in attendance:

Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, City Clerk Susan Renner, Police Chief Michael Keller, and Interim City Administrator Jennifer McCausland.

Guests: n/a

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

Historical Society facility

The council discussed options for the property at 937 N. Andover Road, the Historical Society's continued use of the facility and the City's continued maintenance, insurance and assistance with the utility bills. The Historical Society would like to move the Gilmore House from its current location on Main Street to behind the facility at 937 N. Andover Road and has also requested either a long term lease of the facility or ownership of the facility.

Staff was directed to contact the City Attorney to draft documents to possibly deed the property to the Historical Society, with certain conditions, allowing the City to remove themselves from any future obligations, the Historical Society to deed the property on Main Street to the City, and allowing the Historical Society to move the Gilmore House at their cost to the 937 N. Andover Road location.

Community Outreach related to burglaries

Mayor Ben Lawrence wanted to make sure the Governing Body and staff was doing all they could to keep citizens updated and aware of the recent burglaries and ongoing investigations; he did not want the citizens to become complacent due to a stop in occurrences.

Police Chief Keller provided information regarding the Police Department's activity to keep the community aware through Facebook postings, Alert Andover notifications; community and HOA meetings, etc.

Crime prevention through City ordinances for homes and the design of residential additions was also discussed.

Economic development land acquisition

After the January workshop meeting Mayor Ben Lawrence contacted the company inquiring about a move to Andover to advise them the Council was not interested in the type of venture discussed. The

Mayor received an immediate response from the owner with a new idea on how to move forward with the project and not require the City to provide as much of an investment. Mayor Ben Lawrence contacted Butler County Economic Development to possibly engage them in the project. He and Ms. McCausland will meet with the Butler County Commission on Tuesday if the council was interested in looking at the project again with a third of the initial investment.

The Council concurred.

Street shop building elevation renderings

The renderings of the front and side elevation as well as site location were reviewed for any comments the council may have. None were given.

Possible changes in municipal elections

The council discussed a resolution provided by the League of Kansas Municipalities regarding the Senate Ethics and Elections committee of the Kansas Legislature consideration of moving City and school elections to the fall of even numbered years and to be partisan.

After discussion the Mayor requested the resolution be placed on the bench at the February 24 meeting for the council to consider.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark Nelson, seconded by Council Member Byron Stout at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner
City Clerk

Approved this 10th day of March, 2015, by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.