

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Andover City Hall

Minutes

Members present:

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

Others in attendance:

City Administrator Mark Detter, 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, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, Management Intern Zahra Ehtisham and 911 Director Becky Tapia.

Guests: n/a

Mayor Ben Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Police Insurance report charge and fees

Police Chief Keller provided information regarding a proposal to contract with an outside vendor for the public to obtain on-line motor vehicle accident reports. The service would provide the requestor a quicker turnaround time and the convenience for payment by credit card.

The Council concurred staff should obtain an agreement for consideration at a future council meeting.

Police Chief Keller asked the council to consider an increase of police departments report fees. It was determined the fees had not changed since 1983.

The Council concurred staff could provide a recommendation for an increase in incident/accident reports from the Police Department.

911 Console

Police Chief Keller provided information regarding the 911 consoles becoming obsolete by 2017 and the high cost of the equipment's replacement. He explained the State of Kansas is in the beginning stages of their "Next Generation 911" program; faster, more resilient and additional functionality than current 911.

Police Chief Keller stated from time to time the question had been raised if Andover should consolidate E-911 services with Butler County's 911 center in El Dorado. Before moving forward

with any program implementation Police Chief Keller requested the direction from the Council regarding the consolidation of the two (2) centers.

After discussion the Council concurred it was in the best interest of the citizens of Andover to retain the E-911 Center for dispatch of the Andover police and fire departments.

Westar Utility Lines – Andover Road between 13th and US 54

Mayor Ben Lawrence stated he, Troy Tabor and Mark Detter had met with Westar Energy to discuss Westar's plan to upgrade the power lines on Andover Road. Westar Energy has offered to pay a portion of the cost to bury the lines; the cost for them to upgrade the current above ground lines plus 25% (twenty-five) of the cost to bury the lines. He added it is highly unlikely Westar would be willing to contribute to a project of this size in the future; once the lines have been upgraded.

The Council concurred this project was identified in the Comprehensive Development Plan as something the public would like happen in the community. An increase in franchise fees from 3% (three) to 5% (five) would aid in the cost of the project. Council recommended staff to move forward with negotiations with Westar Energy.

Social media policy

Jennifer McCausland presented a draft of a policy relating to a social media program for the City. Ms. McCausland would like to resume the conversation regarding the City having an official social media presence to provide information to the citizens.

The Council concurred and directed staff to present a policy for consideration at a future council meeting.

The Council also requested a measure of how the social media works once in place.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)

Mark Detter presented information on what could be the third program offered over the past years. The program would focus particularly on commercial properties, the inner core of the City and possibly two residential areas that have struggled.

Council Member Kris Estes felt the program was a development and growth plan, not a neighborhood revitalization plan. She added the current proposed program was unfair and included too much of the City.

Mayor Ben Lawrence stated the program should be of good reason and rationale not just because Wichita has one. He requested the appointment of a committee to look further in to what kind of program best suits Andover.

The committee will consist of Council Members Kris Estes and Troy Tabor, and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, USD 385, Butler Community College, and one of the County Commissioners representing Andover as well as City staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark Nelson, seconded by Council Member Troy Tabor at 7:39 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner

City Clerk

Approved this 12th day of May, 2015, by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.