

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, December 29, 2008
7:00 pm
Andover Central Park Lodge
Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Carol Roberts, Kevin Dreiling, Julie Reams, J.R. Jessen and Clark Nelson.

Members Present

Others in attendance:

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Director of Public Works Les Mangus, Deputy City Clerk Susan Renner, Stormwater Utility Operator Rick Lanzrath, and City Engineer Mike Thompson.

Guests:

Kansas State Senator Ty Masterson, Anthony Speer, Butler County Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Butler County Recycle Committee member Chris Stewart, Butler County Engineer Daryl Lutz, and Butler County Administrator Will Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence.

Call to Order

Mayor Lawrence stated that every other week the Governing Body receive phone calls and emails regarding the intersection of 159th and US Highway 54 and the many accidents that occur there. The City has discussed some options and know it will very expensive. Mayor Lawrence added that the City does not have jurisdiction at the intersection, KDOT does.

Intersection of
159th & US
Highway 54

Council Member Nelson stated there is too much speculation and the Council needs to know what the cause of the accidents has been.

Les Mangus explained KDOT has done that research. There is an equation KDOT uses to determine the changes that can be made.

The Council discussed changes from flashing caution lights, moving the road, to closing the cross traffic all together.

Sasha Stiles stated half of the intersection is Sedgwick County and they would need to participate in any changes.

Les Mangus stated he would obtain the KDOT study on accidents and staff will look at additional options like signage, reflectors and lights.

Daryl Lutz presented the Council with a solid waste recycle program to consider. The County is presenting information and asking for feed back prior to holding a public hearing to adopt the program. They are looking at providing

Recycling
Program

more services for the same amount of money and allowing the Butler County Landfill to be self supporting through tipping fees instead of a mill levy.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Council would consider the program.

Will Johnson explained the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The program is about re-developing properties, not home owners fixing their homes. Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Sasha Stiles stated there have been three or four developers approach the staff looking for incentives to do some re-development.

The Council was presented information for consideration of a program in Andover.

Ty Masterson, representing himself as a citizen, and Anthony Speer were in attendance to discuss their project in the Industrial Park. Mr. Masterson stated the project is taxable and they are looking to the City or County for IRB's. Tonight they are requesting the City's letter of intent. Lightening Lab

Sasha Stiles stated the City is working on the letter of intent but would not issue it until the City had received an architectural agreement stating what the County and City are to receive for the funds invested. The City does not want partners fighting over whose project it is and derail the project all together.

Mayor Lawrence asked Mr. Masterson and Mr. Speers to attend the City Council meeting on December 30, 2008 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Hale to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Susan C. Renner
Deputy City Clerk

Approved this 13th day of January, 2009 by the City Council, City of Andover.