

### CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, July 26, 2010

7:00 pm

Andover Central Park Lodge

Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, J.R. Jessen, Julie Reams, Clark Nelson, Sheri Geisler, and Dave Tingley.

Members Present

Others in attendance:

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, Administrative Services Director Donna Davis, Fire Chief Jim Shaver and City Clerk Susan Renner.

Guests:

Butler County Commissioner Jeff Masterson was also in attendance.

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

Call to Order

Jennifer McCausland presented information regarding the immediate and long term costs to the City if the Historical Society were allowed to use the old library building at 937 N Andover Road for a museum.

Andover Historical Society

Ms. McCausland stated the Historical Society had decided to leave the Gilmore house where it is.

Council Member Hale stated an initial cost to the city would be o.k. but she is not happy with a \$3,000-\$4,000 a year cost. She added that she believes the County contributes to the society annually.

Jeff Masterson stated the amount funded by the County depends on the hours of operation and the number of visitors.

Mayor Lawrence stated some concerns with them moving in to the facility and not being able to sustain themselves and the City left with the project. He added he still wants the society to provide a five year business plan. He added possibly the CVB and PAI would lend support to them.

It was the consensus of the Council that if the Historical Society could provide information that they would be self supporting the Council would be comfortable providing the upfront costs presented this evening.

Sasha Stiles gave an overview of the 2011 Budget. The total valuation estimate increased to \$116,448,765 which is an increase over the current year by \$1,009,742. The total new building permits for 2009 was 60, as of today we

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have issued 44, which is slight indication building activity is picking up. If the sales tax is approved we will remove \$319,000 from the portion of the budget funded by mill levy for 2011, this is equal to 2.884 mills.

Ms. Stiles listed the Council priorities; hold the department budgets without effecting service or staffing levels; continue to maintain and grow reserves; make sure police and fire have sufficient manpower and resources; fund street maintenance; continue \$3,000 commitment to the Andover Senior Center; continue working on viable options for future water needs; waste water plant expansion. These priorities have been satisfied in the 2011 budget.

Administration is requesting support staff, 50% funded by administration and the three utility departments funding the other half. The police department is also requesting the addition of one support staff. Fire and building and inspection departments are requesting vehicles which we have proposed from there respective reserves.

The disrepair of the street maintenance building was discussed and noted the 2010 budget has the funds for the design and in 2011 enough for debt service.

The pay plan does not include any C.O.L.A or merit increases but requests step and longevity increases as well as continuing with the YMCA corporate membership. The budget also includes funds for the Chamber of Commerce, Sunlight Children's Advocacy Center and economic development for the Industrial Park.

The Council concurred staff has done a great job but would like to see the mill increase cut to 0. Staff will make necessary adjustments and present to Council August 10.

A motion was made by Council Member Hale, seconded by Council Member Jessen, at 8:17 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.

Meeting  
Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner  
City Clerk

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010 by the City Council, City of Andover.