

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, February 21, 2011

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 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), 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, Police Chief Mike Keller, City Engineer Mike Thompson and City Clerk Susan Renner.

Guests: n/a

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence. Mayor Lawrence switched agenda items A) Employee retirement benefit and item B) Rail corridor between Andover and Augusta due to Council Member Geisler's absence.

Call to Order

Sasha Stiles explained Butler County had approached Andover and Augusta city staff regarding a cooperative effort for taking over management of the rail corridor between the locations. Currently the City's management responsibility ends at Meadowlark.

Rail corridor between Andover and Augusta

Ms. Stiles stated this could be a great amenity with a long term goal of connecting the two communities and eventually connecting to Wichita's Red Bud Trail. There are grant funds that can be applied for and possibly transportation enhancement funds. Ms. Stiles added the County is going to turn the property over to the City of Andover, City of Augusta or turn it back to the property owners that the rail corridor runs through.

Ms. Stiles asked for direction before gathering additional information regarding the status of the current corridor, i.e. fencing, trash, etc. The Council concurred they are interested in possibly partnering with Augusta for such a project pending further details. She added Augusta will be discussing this at their next Council meeting.

Sasha Stiles stated last fall while learning about the employee retirement plan Ms. McCausland found there was a possibility the City had not been receiving the best deal for their employee retirement fund. Ms. Stiles requested permission to pursue options to present to the employees for their retirement plan.

Employee retirement benefit

Mayor Lawrence appointed Council Members Nelson and Geisler to join staff in investigating the current plan and potential options.

Les Mangus presented and explained the proposals that were considered by staff for the aeration equipment upgrade at the wastewater plant. Mr. Mangus added this upgrade should upgrade the system to last another five years. Wastewater plant equipment upgrade

Sasha Stiles stated staff would answer any questions the Council would have after their review of the proposals as staff has made recommendation and it is presented on the agenda at the Council meeting February 22.

The Council discussed the adjustment of wastewater connection fees for new construction and the monthly wastewater bill in an effort to defer a large increase at one time.

Jennifer McCausland presented information regarding the height of grass and weeds in our neighboring communities. Code for grass height inside city limits

After much discussion the Council concurred to leave current policy as is, 18" height.

Sasha Stiles would like to offer the Senior Center a page on the City's website to provide information for citizens. There is no cost involved and the Senior Center Director would be responsible for updating. Andover Senior Center web page

The Council concurred to allow the page as long as there was no cost or staff involved and all materials posted were approved by the City Administrator.

A motion was made by Council Member Reams, seconded by Council Member Jessen, at 8:29 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner
City Clerk

Approved this 8th day of March, 2011 by the City Council, City of Andover.