

Council Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building
701 E. Broadway

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Almeta Crayton (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Barbara Hoppe and Laura Nauser

City Manager Bill Watkins and other city staff members were present.

Sewer Ballot Issue

Council listened to a presentation on the conceptual design study for the wastewater treatment plant facility and collection system improvements.

Larry Chapple, Black & Veatch consultant, presented a list of improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and reviewed a list of major drivers for the proposed improvements. Total costs for phase I are estimated at \$67M.

Steve Hunt, Environmental Services Manager, reviewed the proposed improvements to the collection system, which are estimated to cost \$10M.

The City Manager outlined the next step which will include further discussion at the December 3 pre-Council meeting followed by introduction of an ordinance at the December 17 Council meeting. A public hearing will be held at the first Council meeting in January and Council could vote on the matter or hold it over until the second Council meeting in January.

Snow Priorities

Mary Ellen Lea, Operations Manager for the Public Works Department, presented the proposed changes to snow removal operations. Council was supportive of the changes. Council was provided with a map of their ward showing the proposed streets. A follow-up report will be placed on the December 3 Council meeting agenda for formal Council action.

Work Plans – Boards and Commissions

This topic was last discussed at the Council retreat in June. Paula Hertwig Hopkins provided Council with an updated report (copy on file in CMO). The Council received a revised attachment D.

Councilman Wade presented a list of suggestions and indicated he forward to staff/Council in written format. Some of the suggestions/comments included:

- March: meeting with Council; prior to that, they would be asked to submit work plan and summary page of policy in their areas that may need to be addressed.
- Make that part of their plan of work.

- Analysis of important areas of work – thinks would be valuable addition to the process.
- Consider Council communication/liaison to Committees; establish communication link and expedite communication process.
- Review areas of redundancy in B/C list.
- More clearly articulate what Council wants B/C to do; i.e., better understanding of what Council is requesting.
- Develop system when make motion – motion and minutes get communicated to B/C members.

P&Z Process Changes

This item was not discussed.

Other Items the Council may wish to discuss

Mayor Hindman expressed concern with the recent spike in criminal activity. He indicated he was interested in taking a proactive approach to dealing with this. He stated he would be asking staff to prepare some factual information so the issue could be properly dealt with.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.