

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 20, 2006, 6:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council Members Present: Mayor Hindman, Almeta Crayton, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser and Brian Ash

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

City Manager Bill Watkins reviewed the following items:

Providing annual flowers for Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Beds – no problem allocating \$500 from Share the Light to be used to purchase annual flowers for adopters. (Nutter to follow-up re: Columbia College)

Calendar Items:

Council previously discussed programming work sessions for the second Monday of each month. Bill confirmed March 13 as the March work session date. He indicated possible topics: lighting and sidewalks.

Reminder: Joint meeting between School Board and City Council, Thursday, February 23, 7:30 a.m. Main Administrative Office, 1818 W. Worley.

Reminder: March 1 – power supply presentation – 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers; will be televised and rebroadcast.

Follow-up from Saturday's Mini-Retreat:

1. Draft letter to other cities in Boone County and letter to County Commission – signed by City Manager and the Mayor.
2. Next step – look at other cities to come in – schedule early April. Any other cities we need to bring in for initial public discussion – Sante Fe (Loveless)
3. Begin exploring consultant, potentially breaking into pieces for planning effort.

Sewers – what, if any, additional information is needed?

1. Obtain information from other communities regarding their process for providing main sewer line service. Do other cities provide main line up to 80-acre point or are we overly generous in our policy? Council is interested in how other communities handle this issue.

Agenda Items:

B7-06: transmission line – staff request to table until March 6.

Winchester Subdivision – traffic issues – Glascock's e-mail/survey provided to Council.

Suncheon – it's likely we will have a delegation in Columbia on March 28, 29 and 30. Is there an evening we might be able to get some Council members together for dinner?

B437-05: Howard Orchard Road – request to table until March 20, 2006 Council meeting.

B87-06 – Fairview Marketplace – add to agenda – introduction and first read.

B490-05 – Sunflower Street improvement project – amendment sheet prepared. Excerpts from January 3, 2006 meeting handed out.

Ms. Paula Hertwig Hopkins, Assistant City Manager, provided Council an update regarding SB816 (Fair Competition in Video Act). It was reported that SB816 has a fair amount of steam in the Senate right now. MML, as well as other organizations, are closely monitoring the situation. Bill requested Council pass a motion at the end of the Council meeting. Information could then be communicated to legislators at Wednesday's MML Legislative Conference.

Margrace Buckler, Human Resources Director, provided Council information on upcoming personnel issues/strategies. She explained that the city currently does not have an HR strategy. Ms. Buckler identified some key problem areas and some of these issues will be brought back to Council at or before the Council retreat. She indicated that the bottom eight pay grades are being reviewed this year. Refuse Collector and bus driver positions are also being reviewed since it has been extremely difficult to recruit for these types of positions. Mr. Watkins indicated this information is being provided as a heads up on things that will be coming forward to Council in the next couple of months.

Mr. Teddy reviewed the 2007 Action Plan schedule. He indicated that additional projects need to be selected to meet the minimum 45% of CDBG that should be budgeted for public projects. Staff requested Council input on what projects might be included in the next round. Council provided the following input:

- (1) Worley Street sidewalk – north side, Health Department west toward the Mall.
- (2) Support for NRT/demolition funding - Demolition dilapidated buildings – more aggressive enforcement. Ms. Crayton pointed out two houses in her Ward: Garth has been burned out since Thanksgiving; 5th/Hickman.
- (3) Energy conservation – matching grant program for rental properties.
- (4) Add street – west of Habitat house, south side of Worley, just past fire station
- (5) Wilkes, east side of College.
- (6) Riney, Steven, and Dave – several streets cited by Mr. Hutton. Staff to review and prepare list of streets in that area.

Regarding HOME funds, Bill asked if there were any housing areas to be considered. Nothing heard.