

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 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.

Mr. Watkins noted there were several agenda items with amendment sheets and asked if Council had any questions. Mr. Watkins also indicated there had been some interest in pulling some items off consent. Following Council discussion, it was decided that Council would request B24-06 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Watkins presented a list of outstanding work session/pre-Council topics and asked that Council give consideration to what topics should be given priority as staff begins to develop future work session/pre-Council agendas. Council expressed an interest in the following topics: Sidewalk Master Plan, Lighting, Sidewalk Variance (Ash to request ordinance for introduction). Mr. Loveless asked if the Broadway Corridor Plan could be discussed at the same time as sidewalks. Mr. Watkins indicated he had a meeting scheduled with the neighborhood group this week to hear their ideas. It was his opinion that these two issues should be discussed as separate issues.

Mr. Watkins reviewed the date/time for the Council Mini-Retreat – Saturday, February 18, Health Department Conference Room. Coffee/donuts will be served at 8:00 a.m.; meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m. (try to be finished by 11:00 a.m.)

Mr. Watkins distributed handouts for Wednesday evening's work session – Columbia Water and Light 2006 Power Issues. He also reminded Council of the upcoming work session on Monday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Watkins indicated Council conflicts were needed for March in order to prioritize and schedule work sessions. Council expressed an interest in setting aside off Council Mondays (preferably the second Monday of the month) as a work session date (March 13)

Mr. Watkins forwarded information to Council regarding the Health Department's proposed reorganization. He indicated he felt the changes made a lot of sense and asked if Council had any questions. There were no Council questions.

Mr. Watkins indicated that a couple of neighborhood meetings have been scheduled to discuss fire station issues – Council member Nauser's request to discuss Station 7 and a request by the Vanderveen Neighborhood folks to attend a meeting on February 7, at 7 p.m., Derby Ridge School.

Mike Hood, Parks/Rec Director, was present to review the alternatives and proposed solutions to the parking issues at Stephens Lake Park.

Council requested that the Moberly Area Community College submit a written proposal that could be reviewed and forwarded to Council. Additional information needed – how many students, average in evening, summer schedule, etc. How is schedule altered due to holidays; such as MLK holiday, 4th of July, etc.

Mr. Watkins made a presentation on the building overview for the City of Columbia Building/Facilities. He noted that part of the sidewalk “fell in” on the IS Department last week. Howard Building Renovations are on track – mid/late April. Mr. Watkins indicated that he would like to reconvene the committee and get back to the Council in the next few weeks/months. No objections were heard.