

City Council Work Session Minutes  
Wednesday, November 30, 2005 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 (arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.) and Brian Ash.

City Manager Ray Beck and other city department heads were present.

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Mr. Beck made the following announcements:

- Senator Bond announced earlier today \$750,000 (federal funding) for the YouZeum.
- Green Meadows Road Dedication – Friday, December 2, 8:30 a.m., Providence Road intersection.
- BlueRidge Road Dedication – Monday, December 5, 9:30 a.m., near intersection of Blue Ridge Road and Providence (extended).

Agenda Items:

**Transportation 2005 Ballot Project List** – Mr. Beck reviewed on the overhead those projects that would be attached to the Council resolution. He indicated the schedule was developed following Council discussion/comments at Monday evening's work session. Council requested a footnote be added to Lemone – requires participation.

**Public Safety 2005 Ballot Project List** – Mr. Beck reviewed on the overhead those projects that would be attached to the Council resolution. There were no changes to the public safety ballot project list.

**Parks 2005 Ballot Project List** – Mr. Beck reviewed on the overhead those projects that would be attached to the Council resolution. Council reviewed the list and provided the following comments:

- Cascades and Vanderveen Neighborhood Park Development – it was suggested that these projects be started sooner; possibly phase-in approach.

Hood described the problems associated with an increased work load – usually plan one neighborhood park a year which is built by in-house staff. When developing the project list, he tried to match staff's workload with the project list and explained the reasons why these two projects were lower on the list. Council discussed the pros/cons of using city staff versus contracting out these projects. Council would like a cost comparison of using in-house staff versus contracting out.

- Atkins Property – Council expressed a strong interest in the city taking the lead in getting this project moving forward. Council would like to begin discussions with the County and requested Hood contact Skip Elkin. Hood explained where the County is right now – County has secured grant funding which will provide the necessary funding for two baseball fields. With the funding that the County has available, Hood estimates a shortfall of \$100,000. County grant is approximately \$150,000. Council requested staff prepare a report outlining the total project cost for building two ball fields, including grant amount and any possible County contribution toward the operating costs.

- Hominy Branch Trail – include funding to get planning started.
- Hinkson Creek Trail (Stephens to Grindstone) – Hood provided status of the project. Mayor indicated property owner’s interest in giving land to city. Hood to follow-up.

**Policy on the Sale of Land** – Mr. Beck provided the Council with a copy of Sec. 2-515 Sale, trade or lease of real property. He indicated the city has received two requests to purchase property from the city – Tim Reed (1/2 acre parcel of property, which is located east of Lot 3 Katy Place Heights Subdivision – Plat 2) and Lynn Miller (property immediately south of his office property at 10<sup>th</sup>/Locust Street). Council discussed the criteria for selling city property including whether or not the Miller proposal should be competitively bid versus sold at fair market value considering the value of downtown property.

**Sidewalk Master Plan** – progress report was forwarded to Council. Postpone discussion to December 5 pre-Council.

**Proposed Changes to Policy Resolution PR171-01 (sidewalk variance)** – Councilman Ash presented proposed changes to the policy resolution and concerns he had with the existing criteria.

**CBD Plan Implementation** – Mr. Beck distributed additional information on the CBD Plan Implementation –status of master plan implementation, signage, sidewalk replacement per Master Plan, brick street repair, Eighth Street funding, and canopy removal. Council resolution will be prepared for December 5 Council meeting.