

Council Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2006
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building, 6:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Mayor Hindman, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Council Members absent: Almeta Crayton

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

City Manager Bill Watkins indicated there were three items plus the Closed Meeting on tonight's agenda.

Sewer Master Plan

Mr. John Glascock, Public Works Director, and Mr. Steve Hunt, Sanitary Sewer Engineer, were present.

Mr. Hunt provided an update to the Sewer Utility Master Plan. Mr. Hunt reviewed the purpose of the sewer master plan, provided the master plan history (current plan was prepared by Black and Veatch in 1973 with a mini-addendum and one update to the 1973 plan). Mr. Hunt described the need for a new master plan. He indicated that the service area is beyond 201 service area established in the 1973 master plan. He pointed out that the city is faced with many regulatory issues that need to be addressed and the city and the Boone County Regional Sewer District need to work together.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the master plan scope: (3) areas – wastewater treatment, wastewater collection system and wastewater financial impact (considerations).

Mr. Hunt indicated the service area is broken up into three watersheds – Perche, Hinkson and Little Bonne Femme.

Ms. Hoppe requested additional information on the industry growth rate.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the history of the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that the existing WWTP was completed in 1983. He indicated that the wastewater treatment recommendations overall will be implemented in phases.

Mr. Loveless asked if we should reexamine different composition of plant species (plant species regimen).

Mr. Hunt indicated that three alternatives were studied regarding the wastewater treatment implementation plan.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the overall recommendations for the collection system and the financial impact, including residential sewer rate increases.

Financial Impacts:
Connection Fees
-FY07

\$500

-Increase 25% FY09	\$625
-Increase 25% FY11	\$781

Mr. Hunt's presentation included a review of wastewater treatment projects, wastewater collection projects, future wastewater collection projects and second phase future wastewater treatment projects.

City Manager Bill Watkins indicated that what we would like to do is bring this issue back to the Council and request approval to begin planning and design of the improvements. He pointed out that approval of the master plan does not automatically put in place the rate increases. He indicated that at the end of 2007/2008 would follow the normal 5 year schedule to submit a utility ballot issue to the voters. He pointed out that even with the rate increases that are being proposed for ten years our rates are still below what the average customer in the Boone County Regional Sewer District is paying today, so our rates will still be competitive.

Lemone Boulevard

Mr. Watkins indicated that the next item on the agenda is the proposed Lemone project. He reviewed the items that will be included on the November 20th Council meeting agenda -- public hearing on the Lemone extension project, two development agreements, and a preliminary plat.

Mr. Watkins indicated that this project has been on the city's CIP and included in the city's budget back to at least 1993.

Mr. Glascock described the four different alternatives as shown in the handout (on file in the CMO)

Ms. Hoppe asked if anyone had studied the traffic data/impact that would be thrown back onto Lemone from the new development recently approved by Council.

Mr. Glascock reviewed the traffic counts, as requested by Council:

ADT New Haven/Lemone – approximately 18,000

ADT Lemone – 3,500

ADT New Haven – 14,500

Mr. Glascock reviewed the various responsibilities in terms of costs. He indicated that the city will be responsible for construction of two bridges and the city will also oversee the entire design of the project.

Mr. Loveless felt the following items need to be communicated to the public: this isn't a project designed to promote/help industrial customer; it has been on the long-range plan for 15 years; project was included on the last ballot issue; project will relieve congestion and increase connectivity.

Mr. Watkins indicated that tonight's presentation provides an overview of what staff will be bringing to Council at the November 20th Council meeting. He asked Council to let us know if there are additional questions that need to be addressed.

Commercial Lighting

Mr. Teddy briefly reviewed the draft outdoor lighting ordinance (see attached power point presentation). He indicated that this item has been through the Planning and Zoning Commission and is now scheduled for Council consideration at the December 4 Council meeting. .

Mr. Teddy indicated there was discussion regarding the W/L dusk to dawn light program and this ordinance will not prevent them from continuing the program. Mr. Teddy indicated he would look a little deeper into this issue.

Mr. Teddy reviewed the regulatory parameters of this proposed ordinance.

Mr. Hutton asked that staff do some research on athletic fields light fixture height – soccer and football fields. Mr. Loveless also suggested checking with the Wendt's on what height they need.

Ms. Hoppe requested a hard copy of the power point presentation. Mr. Watkins indicated we would send to the entire Council.

Work session adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.