

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2007
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Vicki Fogue and Gary Whitby described their plans to hold a hot air balloon event August 23-26, 2007 in the Corporate Lake area. They outlined the goals and community benefits of the festival. The event will result in the "soft" closure of several streets. Staff will bring back appropriate legislation for Council approval.

Margrace Buckler, Human Resources Director, reviewed the potential changes to the city's prescription drug plan – see report on agenda. Councilman Loveless asked staff to investigate the possibility of doing locally. (Motion made at the end of Council meeting)

City Manager Bill Watkins reviewed with Council the possibility of holding a Closed meeting immediately following the Council meeting to discuss Mediacom issues. He indicated this is a time sensitive issue. Council decided to hold a Closed meeting on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. No dinner will be served.

Mr. Watkins indicated that an agreement had been reached dealing with the remnant at Fire Station #7. He asked if this was something the Council wanted to proceed with. The Council indicated no objections to proceeding.

John Glascock, Public Works Director, provided a status report on the 2005 transportation ballot project list. He indicated that the Public Works Department set goals for completing the street work in order to establish accountability. He provided Council with a status report dated March 1, 2007. Regarding Lemone Industrial Boulevard-extend to Stadium Blvd, Mayor Hindman asked that the consultant review the alternatives for the environmental impact of the bridge.

Mr. Watkins indicated that our goal is to finish with construction by 2015 when the ballot issue tax will expire. He noted there are other priority streets not shown on the report. Those streets include Ballenger Lane, Bearfield Blvd, St. Charles Rd and Sinclair Road.

Mr. Watkins briefed the Council on the NSM (National Socialist Movement) event/march being planned on Saturday. He indicated that there have been a number of meetings in the community and another community meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6pm, at St. Paul AME Church. He indicated work is being done to minimize the conflict between this group and our citizens. The NSM group has a five-hour parade permit (noon to 5pm) on Saturday.