

Work Session
01-27-15

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR
SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM OF THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET

Present: Mayor, Ray W. Little.

Council Members: Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Mike Kendell and Fran Hopkin.

Excused: Council Member, Shelly Betz.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney.

Others present: none

This meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ray W. Little.

Items for Discussion

Ordinance #15-01 – Franchise Ordinance

Resolution #15-03 – Pole Agreement

WirelessBeehive.Com, LLC

WirelessBeehive.COM, LLC is asking to take over the facilities that were previously operated by Trappers Loop Communications and Comcast. The City will need to enter into a franchise agreement and an agreement for the use of the City electrical poles for their lines.

Mike asked who provided the Ordinance for the franchise agreement. Attorney Crane stated this is a standard agreement. Mike stated he would like to amend section 17.01.108 – he does not want to give them the authority to install new poles. He would not want to see poles installed in his neighborhood. Fran asked if the next section handles the problem Mike has stated. Attorney Crane stated the way this agreement is written, we cannot force them to install underground lines where poles are available and if there are no poles available they will have to install the lines underground.

There was discussion about this company and what services they are going to provide. It has been stated they are planning on bringing fiber lines into Morgan, but this has not been verified.

Resolution #15-02

Retirement Contributions

Julie Bloxham, City Recorder stated this resolution is being done due to a requirement of the Utah Retirement Systems. This does not change anything with retirement contributions; it just defines the contributions the City provides for employees. This resolution is being done for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 years due to the contribution rates remaining the same.

Commercial Street Improvements

Jeff asked the engineer to provide the members with some pictures that show examples from other cities for street improvements. The members reviewed the examples that were in the presentation. Jeff stated the current sidewalk on Commercial Street is a hazard. He also would recommend the members look at changing the street light poles that are on Commercial Street. This project has been discussed for the past few years and these are some of the items that need to be discussed in order to move forward.

Jeff stated in order to improve the sidewalks there will need to be work done on the water lines and meters that service the businesses. He feels the electrical lines should be run underground. He reviewed some of the examples that show how "islands" can be implemented to put trees along the street – this will also help provide an area to install the new water meters.

Fran asked if this would be on both sides of the street. Jeff stated they are only looking at doing the business side of the street at this time. Mayor Little asked if it would be feasible to cut back the lawn area on the railroad side of the street and install a retaining wall in order to provide more area parking to the area. Fran asked if there is currently a parking problem. It was stated not at this time, but if the buildings were all occupied, it would be.

There was discussion on how to fund this type of project. The members could allocate RDA funds, B&C Funds, and/or money out of the capital improvement funds. There is also the possibility of bonding for the project. There was discussion about the various options that could be considered for improvements in this area and how they would be maintained.

Mayor Little stated he will bring information from the public works staff to the next meeting. Jeff stated the members need to be thinking about how they want to move forward as far as putting together a design. Attorney Crane stated he feels there is funding available for this type of project.

Transient Room Tax

Mayor Little stated the City can implement a transient room tax. This would be collected when there is a hotel or motel in the City. Tony asked if this is for restaurants too. It was stated Counties are the only ones that can implement the restaurant tax. Attorney Crane stated he feels the City should wait until a hotel/motel development is being considered to implement the tax.

Ordinance #15-02

Animal Control Amendments

The State Code has been changed recently and does not allow a City to have "breed specific" regulations in their code. This ordinance will make amendments to our code to bring it into compliance.

Ordinance #15-03
Firework Amendments

This ordinance will make necessary changes to the fireworks ordinance to bring it into compliance with State Code for sale of fireworks. Mayor Little stated there are still some other items the members wanted to consider changing in regards to fireworks. Mike stated there have been complaints from residents about fireworks that are being lit that land on their property. It needs to be determined what can be done - if anything - to regulate these types of activities.

Council Department Review

Department reviews will be discussed in council meeting.

Financial Statement Review

This item was not discussed.

Attorney Crane
Council Training

This item was not discussed.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Julie A. Bloxham, Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 02-10-15 meeting.