City Council Work Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm

75 West Center, Fillmore, Utah 84631 - (435) 743-5233

MAYOR: Curt Hare

CITY COUNCIL: Kyle Stevens, Amber Rausch, Eugene Larsen, Michael B. Winget, Dennis W. Alldredge

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance 5:30 p.m.**
2. **Administrative Business**
    a. **Discussion with Zions Financial regarding alternate funding options for a new fire station**

Minutes:
Jeanette Harris of Zions Financial provided a few financing options for funding the new fire station. Mayor Hare explained that the city will receive per square foot estimates next week. With a GO bond election, a $5 million project would increase residential citizen's annual property tax bill by about $200 per year. Mayor Hare stated that a more realistic estimate for the project may be in the $7 million range.
The council's preference would be to do a GO bond election next year, but the main concern is that if the bond election fails, then the project would be stalled further. One option presented by Ms. Harris would be for the city to loan themselves the money from another fund, such as an enterprise fund. That option is not recommended though because it is such a large amount for such a small entity. The other option is a bond anticipation note. It is a short-term note that can be fairly flexible where the lean time for the city to receive the money is two months. The city would need to provide collateral for the note, and that collateral could be money coming in from a bond election, but that again is a risk as the election could fail. A better option for collateral would be to back it up the city's sales tax revenues. If the city issues a bond anticipation note, they must have two-times coverage, meaning that the sales tax revenue is at least two times the amount of what the highest annual bond payment would be. Right now the interest rate on a GO bond would likely be over 4%. The longer the term on the bond, the higher the interest rate. Another option is to increase property tax rates and Fillmore's property tax rate is extremely low

comparatively.
Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Larsen and second by Councilmember Alldredge, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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