

Work Session
11-24-15

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR
SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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, Fran Hopkin and
Bill Cobabe.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney.

Others present: Ethan Clark.

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

Items for Discussion

CIP List Update

Tony stated the capital investment plan needs to be reviewed and updated yearly. The members have a copy of the latest list. This list must be in place in order to apply for federal grants. There will be a public hearing in regards to CDBG funding at the December 8th meeting. The list will need to be approved at that meeting so it can be finalized at the COG meeting on December 21st.

Tony reviewed the items on the list. The Mickelsen Mile repairs and sewer treatment plant need to remain on the list. The Riverside parking lot and the 700 East Street improvements have been completed and can be removed from the list.

Mayor Little asked each member to review the list – to meet with staff on the items that are under their assignments and come to the next meeting so this can be finalized. Other items on the list may need to be rated differently. There are projects not currently on the list that could be considered, some of these are Riverside Park, parking expansion; roof for City office building; and trail expansion.

EDCU Grant Requests

Shayla Hurlbut, Economic and Community Development Director asked the members to consider applying for some funding from the Economic Development Council of Utah. Bill stated these are matching fund grants. He feels these would be beneficial for the City. The first grant would be for professional development assistance and would help pay for educational courses that are offered through the International Economic Development Council. The other grant would be the same as was applied for last year and would be used for the monthly Woman in Business luncheons. In order to apply for these funds there must be approval from the City Council.

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Mayor Little told those present about a seminar to be held on December 10th. This is being done in part with funds the County has received through the BEAR grant. He reviewed the various meetings and trainings that have been offered to business owners or persons who are interested in starting a business.

Park Fees Resolution

The proposed fees were presented at the last meeting. They are now in resolution form and are being considered for adoption tonight. Mike reviewed the fees with the members. There have been increases in special events that are asking to use the park. Shayla Hurlbut, Economic and Community Development Director called several other cities and from the data collected prepared the proposed fees. Tony asked if there needed to be clarification that the fees will not be charged for non-profit organizations. The members decided to move this wording to clarify the matter.

Power System Update

Mayor Little stated the upgrade of the power lines that were fed off the Island Road substation is in progress. They are working on the poles along State Street and the lines in Golden Acres Subdivision. The lines in Golden Acres are underground but were not run in conduit when this was originally done. This makes it difficult to upgrade the wire and the new lines will be in conduit. They have tested the old substation transformer for PCB's; these samples have been sent in for analysis. This transformer has been removed and will be disposed. Paul Simmons, Lead Lineman has been working with Rocky Mountain Power in regards to the substation and the upgrades that need to be done.

Rocky Mountain owns additional property next to the existing substation, there has been discussion as to whether they would be willing to sell this to the City to upgrade. This is still being discussed along with other options. The Mayor reviewed the logic behind having three substations. This is the best scenario for redundancy of the system. If one or two substations go out of service, the remaining one can carry the load until repairs can be made.

There was discussion about possible locations to construct the new substation. There still needs to be work done by the engineer and staff before any decision can be made. Mike asked what size parcel there would need to be for this substation and what setback and other requirements would apply. Mayor Little stated he was not sure about this but could find out and report back.

Tony asked if Rocky Mountain power would ever want to purchase Morgan City power. The Mayor stated this has been discussed several years ago, he is not sure if this has been recently discussed. Tony stated he is not suggesting this, is just throwing it out as something to discuss. The Mayor stated there is no decision to be made at this time, this was just an update.

Council Department Review

Mayor Little gave each member a copy of the current portfolio assignments for the Council. He asked each member to review the list and get back to him any changes, additions or other items they want to discuss before he presents these assignments at the beginning of the year.

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Jeff stated the river walkway project will have to be re-bid in spring so this can be accomplished next year. He is also working toward improving 300 East Street next year. There are a few other projects being looked at, but will depend on available funding.

Tony stated at the last planning commission meeting the medium density housing in North Morgan was given preliminary approval. This will have the potential of adding 180 units. The other item was the revising of the industrial park ordinances. He reviewed the items being discussed. The main concern is infrastructure, setback and other requirements. The planning commission has reviewed this and it will be sent to the Council for consideration in the near future.

Mike stated his concerns with some of the recommendations as outlined by Tony. Mayor Little also stated his thoughts. He asked staff and the engineer to look at some items such as putting utilities in the park strip area, he has not heard back from them at this time.

Mike stated the river restoration project is still trying to move forward and make progress. He is hoping there can be some communication with the new emergency director that has been hired by the County in regards to flood control. He stated the recreation board is moving forward with several improvements to their operation. He feels there are some positive changes being made. Fran asked about the proposal to hire a firm to oversee the program. Mike stated there were proposals submitted and one was chosen. They have kept Carol Brooks on as an assistant. Tony asked if there has been any further discussion on alternative funding. Mike stated this is always being looked at, but no action has been taken.

Fran updated the members on the sewer system and the two priorities for this department. The lift station and new aerators are the two projects that need to be done. He is still compiling the information and estimates for these projects. He stated the aerator project may be less than originally thought. He will continue to gather information and get it to the members as it becomes available.

Fran stated the dredging project at the lagoons is moving forward. There have been some problems – including the blade falling off the equipment and going to the bottom of the ponds. They are also running into some infrastructure they were not aware of, such as power lines that need to be worked around. These items have slowed the project considerably.

Bill stated the Hometown Christmas celebration is Saturday, December 5th. He asked any member than can volunteer to please to so. Shayla and her committee have been working hard and this should be a great event.

Financial Statement Review

This item was not discussed.

Attorney Crane
Council Training

This item was not discussed.

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


Julie A. Bloxham, Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 12-08-15 meeting.