

Work Session
03-08-2016

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR
SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 AT 6:30 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; Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator and Shayla
Hurlbut, Community & ED Director.

Others present: Carl Harding; Albert Wilde; and Gina Grandpre.

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

Items for Discussion

**Albert Wilde, Chamber of Commerce
Request for Funding**

Albert has asked to meet with the members tonight to ask for funding for the Northern Utah
Chamber Coalition (NUCC) and CO-OP marketing.

Albert is asking for \$3000 for membership costs in order for the Chamber to join NUCC. The
Chamber has already obtained funding from the County. Albert discussed the purpose of NUCC
and its functions. He stated each Chamber visits with their municipality to identify needed
projects in the area; these projects are submitted to NUCC for review. NUCC then chooses the
most viable projects to take on to the Legislature in hopes of receiving funding. Albert said
submitting projects to NUCC would be beneficial for infrastructure and economic development.
The Chamber has not joined NUCC before but has been approached and asked to join this year.

Albert is asking for \$2000 for CO-OP Marketing. This funding would help with events and
markets that are brought into the City. Albert explained the process and how an event has to
satisfy requirements in order to receive this funding. He also talked about a couple of events
that have utilized this funding.

Mayor Little asked about last year's monies the City provided. Albert stated there was \$500 left
which the Chamber decided to leave in the account.

Mayor Little brought up more discussion about the time needed in order to participate and if
the Chamber had someone to commit the time. Fran asked about chances of funds coming to
Morgan if we were to participate in NUCC. They also talked about the involvement with COG
and potential projects for consideration.

It was asked if the Chamber was going to ask for an additional \$2000 again this year as they did
last year, which would bring their total request to \$7000 for the two years. The members and

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Albert continued discussion on NUCC. Bill recommended Albert bring someone from NUCC to better explain what they can offer.

Mayor Little asked how the members would like to proceed. Mike recommended they move forward with the CO-OP Marketing request for funds but hold off on the NUCC request for funds until the members can get more information; all members agreed.

WORK SESSION RECESSED AT 7:15 PM

WORK SESSION RESUMED AT 8:45 PM

Resolution #16-11
Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

This item was discussed and voted on during Council meeting.

Sewer Adequacy – Future Developments
ERU's Discussion

At the last meeting the members adopted a resolution regarding the sewer system capacity. At the time there was discussion about what development might be allowed, with these restrictions. Mayor Little has asked Jamie and Mark Schmid, Public Works Director to compile a list to show what the typical equivalent residential units (ERU's) are for various businesses.

Jamie presented what the typical equivalent residential units (ERU's) would be for the following businesses: a 100 seat movie theater would use approximately 1.1-1.6 ERU's; a 60 room hotel at 60% capacity would use approximately 10.8 ERU's; and a small restaurant would use approximately .3-.5 ERU's.

Mayor Little stated he has some upcoming meetings to get more answers on some potential businesses that may want to come into the City. Mike stated he is in favor of pursuing any potential possibilities for future developments. The members agreed if there are proposed developments, they would like to discuss them.

Mike brought up discussion on aerators within our sewer system. He is trying to open all doors possible in figuring out solutions for the sewer system and its current status.

Mayor Little asked Jamie to share the status of the master plan. Jamie stated it is in the final stages. He stated the hybrid option has been mostly phased out and continued on discussing the mechanical systems versus lagoon systems.

While at the recent RWAU conference Jamie was able to gather some information on the Sager System which potentially could be a possibility. Jamie stated it would be a competitive option to a mechanical plant and talked about how this option could work on the City's current set up. There was discussion about the maintenance and particulars of a mechanical plant versus the Sager System. Jamie concluded he would have to research more into this system to find out details to see if it would be compliant for all of the City's needs.

Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator
Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU)
Outstanding Wastewater Operator of the Year Award

This item was discussed during Council meeting.

Operation graduation

Mayor Little asked input from the members on potential projects for Operation Graduation. They ask the City for a donation every year and in return have done a community project to "earn" the money. Mike stated they could clean the trash on the on/off ramps area and Jeff mentioned there are weeds by the Rec-Plex area that could be removed.

Reports

UAMPS Meetings

Mayor Little would like attendance at UAMPS meetings by Council members. He requested that members let him know if and what meetings they could attend.

Appraisal on Electric System

Mayor Little stated Attorney Crane was able to provide the City with a number for an appraiser and UAMPS has provided numbers for two additional companies that can assist with an appraisal of the electric company. This is in relation to the offer from Rocky Mountain Power to purchase Morgan City's electric department.

He also provided information from a few Cities that have gone through the appraisal and bid process and what their experiences have been. He encouraged the members to reach out to these cities if they had further questions.

Mayor Little is looking for direction from the Council how they would like him to proceed. Bill brought up his hesitancy and concern with giving up control over the utility and rates. Fran stated that he did not feel that way and would be interested in looking at appraisals but is concerned about the offers that are coming in at only a fraction of the appraisal. Tony would be interested in knowing what appraisal fees would run to know what our system is valued at. Jeff stated he would get a feel for the appraisal but doesn't feel the City should let the asset go. And Mike would like to know what the biggest discrepancy is in the appraised value versus what is offered. It was discussed that it would be beneficial to know the value of what we have.

Attorney Crane stated that selling is not the only option the City has, they may also look into combining with another system. He went on to say there are lots of different options that can be considered for the future.

Attorney Crane suggested a consultant would be beneficial to assist with important decisions and to help analyze what the City has and options for the future. The members discussed future possibilities, costs, and options concerning power.

March 22nd meeting

Mayor Little stated that on March 22, the time scheduled for the next Council meetings there are the republican and democrat caucus meetings. The members discussed this and it was decided to reschedule the March 22nd meeting to March 29th.

Council department review

Mike stated he had met with Warren Welton, Cemetery and Park Coordinator earlier today to discuss a few things and would like the member's opinions on some items. First was the possibility of completing sprinkler work at Riverside Park instead of replacing playground equipment at Fox Point Park. The equipment at Fox Point is still in good condition according to the company representative for playground equipment. The members agreed to move ahead with the sprinkler work and postpone the replacement of the playground equipment at the Fox Point Park.

The next item is regarding the Saturday shift for the part-time seasonal employee. It was discussed to have this position work a 4 hour shift of Saturday versus 8 hours. All members agreed to this change. The next item is Morgan Recreation having activities at Riverside Park. Mike asked if the members had any concerns with them using Riverside Park. Mike stated Warren didn't have an issue with this, the members agreed. The final item - Mike was approached by an individual about putting in a goal post at the Fox Point Park. Mike confirmed with the person making the request and clarified it would not be a permanent structure; the members agreed this could be approved.

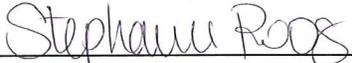
Financial statement review

This item was not discussed.

Attorney Crane
Council Training

This item was not discussed.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM


Stephanie Roos, Deputy Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 03-29-16 meeting.