

Work Session
06-28-2016

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR
SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016 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; Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator; Shayla
Hurlbut, Economic Director; and Stephanie Roos, Deputy Recorder.

Others present: Oliver Middleton; Jennifer Vesper, Morgan County News; Royal Coburn; and
Crystal Middleton.

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

Items for Discussion

Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator
Sewer Lagoon Update

Jamie was asked to come to this meeting to give an update on the status of the sewer lagoons
now the dredging project has been completed.

Jamie gave the members a handout outlining where we started with the lagoons, the processes
that have taken place to get the lagoons functioning, items that are still of concern, and the
direction he would like to see the lagoons go.

Jamie stated it has almost been a full year since the ponds went septic and even with all the
work that has been put into the lagoons we still are not where we were when the problems
started. There has been work on getting aerators up and running; currently there are 11 running
aerators. He talked about the struggles and issues in trying to keep the aerators up and going
since it is a very dated system and parts are getting hard to come by.

There have been individuals from Rural Water Association and Engineers from JUB that have
been here to see what is occurring and how to proceed with handling the issues we are having.

With the lagoons needing a lot more attention than they ever have before and not being where
Jamie feels they should be, he is proposing more of a phased approach with projects that will
give the City a little time in completing the improvements. This will also allow for more
information to become available on the upcoming phosphorous and nutrient regulations. Jamie
stated the front end and back end improvements would be designed to be used with the future
nutrient removal facility. The improvements would be necessary to keep going. Projects would
include having the sludge removed, adding the additional aeration, doing a barley straw
injection, and working on the duckweed management. Jamie believes this would keep the
lagoons going for a while based on the information he's gathered.

Another concern is the amount of “garbage” collecting in the pond. Jamie stated that our grinders are not keeping up with the amount that is coming through and a better screening process has been recommended by several people. He has added this to the list of projects that would benefit the sewer ponds.

The chlorination and de-chlorination system is another issue Jamie addressed. He discussed the issues involving the system freezing up last year and current line breaking due to ice buildup. Also, the chlorine contact pipe has issues with e-coli removal. He talked about things that need to be done to keep the system functioning. Jamie stated if a new headwork facility was put in all of these issues could be addressed and fixed. Tony asked for some clarification on the lift station, e-coli amounts, and chlorine contact pipes which Jamie addressed.

Lastly, Jamie talked about how the Island Lift station needs to be rehabilitated since it has been in use for quite some time.

Jamie showed a detailed list of those projects and the engineer’s estimates of each based on information from the master plan that is being developed. Bill asked if the numbers presented were from JUB and Jamie confirmed.

Jeff brought up a discussion on engineering costs. Members discussed how they would like to see things proceed. It was mentioned should the City do a ‘band aid’ or spend a little more and get something that would last. Bill stated we need to stay focused on what the long term goal is and not just put a ‘band aid’ on the situation.

Members talked about hybrid versus mechanical plants and discussed UV versus chlorination disinfection systems. Jamie recommends touring other plants to see firsthand the different options that are available. Members would like to set up some tours as soon as possible so they can start acting sooner. Members discussed and decided they would like to set up tours either the second or third week of August; Jamie will work on getting the tours set up.

Finally, it was decided that a proposal would be put together to move forward on getting bids from engineering companies for the first phase.

Resolution #16-24
Opening and Adjusting 2015-16 FY Budgets

The members have a copy of this resolution and the adjustments that are needed. These adjustments are done every year to make sure the departments are within their revenue and expense budgeted amounts. Ryan Child, Wood Richards & Associates is the Auditor that helps review the monthly financial statements has prepared these adjustments.

The Mayor reviewed the proposed adjustments with the members. There was no further discussion.

Resolution #16-25
Recreation Agreement

This resolution will adopted agreement between the School District, County and City for recreation. The only change was the date on the agreement.

Skateboard Park
Request for Dedication
Middleton family

The Middleton Family came to the last meeting requesting some type of dedication/memorial for Chad Middleton, who was part of the original group that started the procedure to get a skateboard park.

Mike stated he liked the request that was brought to the last meeting. He asked the family what they would like to see as far as a dedication. The Middleton family stated their vision was for kids to feel as sense of community involvement and were open to the City's interpretation for a dedication. The family is very appreciative of being able to have a "Chad Middleton" dedication in the park but as far as a landmark, monument, or signage they are open to whatever the City finds most suitable for the park.

Mike stated he liked the summarization of the story to go along with the dedication for Chad. Fran is in agreeance and added that he was contacted by an individual about possibly adding the additional names of people that were involved. Members talked about the different possibilities for a dedication/memorial that would satisfy the family's vision.

Crystal stated that they would like to embody the vision of getting kids involved, affect positive change for future kids.

Bill would like to see what amenities of the park could possibly be expanded on and from there see where they could move forward. Also, he would like to gather some pricing. The family also talked about the possibility of putting the story on an inexpensive metal sign and post, but the biggest aspect would be the sentiment of the dedication.

Crystal stated they are not asking for funds and would even be willing to go out to find donations; that it's not about the funding but the sentiment of the dedication. She also said that she had envisioned a dedication for Chad and a memorialization of the story. Now the family has some direction from the Council they will look at a few different options/features and come up with ideas to present back to the Council for review.

Members talked about a possible feature donated by the Middleton Family and then also having a dedication memorializing the story. The family will bring back ideas for review at a future meeting.

Discussion on Stage for Events

Item not discussed.

Electric System Appraisal

Item not discussed.

Mtn. View
Park/Detention Pond

Item not discussed.

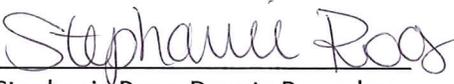
Council Department Review

Item not discussed

Attorney Crane
Council Training

Item not discussed.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.


Stephanie Roos, Deputy Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 07-26-16 meeting.