

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett called the Workshop to order at 7 PM.

Attendees: Council members Boyle Barrett, Howard, Reed, Tremblay, Irons, Montgomery and Harple. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt and Mayor Johnson.

An updated Council Roster with contact information was provided. City Administrator Schmidt asked Council members to provide the Clerk with any corrections, and also to let her know what contact information can be given to the public.

AGENDA

Presentation by Pierce County Conservation District

Ryan Mello, Melissa Buckingham and Kat Mahan provided information about the Pierce County Conservation District, what services and programs they offer and how the City can become an Assessment District, and how that would benefit the citizens of Buckley. If we choose to become an Assessment District, a Resolution would be needed by the end of June in order to participate in the 2013 assessment. A discussion ensued regarding the Pierce County Conservation District's Green Partnership Fund and the grants available to member agencies, and those projects in the City of Buckley that could benefit from this program. Also, City Administrator Schmidt stated that at this time we are struggling to meet the requirements of the NPDES permit because we don't have enough staff. Discussion followed about how the Pierce County Conservation staff could help us meet those requirements. Their grant funding cycle runs May 1st to April 30th.

Potential of Selling Gas System

City Administrator Schmidt provided a memo from our City Attorney and a Staff Report explaining the procedures necessary to sell our gas utility. Council member Irons stated he would like to see written "pros" and "cons." A lengthy discussion ensued and it was recommended that we prepare a written survey for the public, followed by an open public discussion forum. The Utilities Committee will begin work on this issue immediately and report back to the Council at a later date. This is an issue that will have to go to the voters. City Administrator Schmidt said if we did this it would probably not go into effect until 2014.

Confirm Committee Assignments

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett reviewed this year's committee assignments. She made a couple changes and discussed why those changes were made. City Administrator Schmidt said that the Council should move to accept these committee assignments at the next Council meeting.

Rules & Procedures

There was a short discussion regarding the Rules & Procedures the Council has been working on for the last two years. Mayor Johnson said she will provide everyone with a copy of the latest revision of the document. Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett asked each Council member to determine what they actually want and bring that input to the next workshop. Determine if you want:

- ❖ Code of Conduct
- ❖ Code of Ethics
- ❖ Guidelines
- ❖ Rules & Procedures

Council Materials

The Clerk was asked to provide each Council member with a copy of the current Employee Handbook, as well as the Council Member Handbook.

FEMA

City Administrator Schmidt provided an overview of the storm debris cleanup and associated costs. Staff did an excellent job and the citizens were very appreciative. We received many positive comments.

There will be a PDA Team here tomorrow morning for a meeting. As it looks now, we have met the storm threshold.

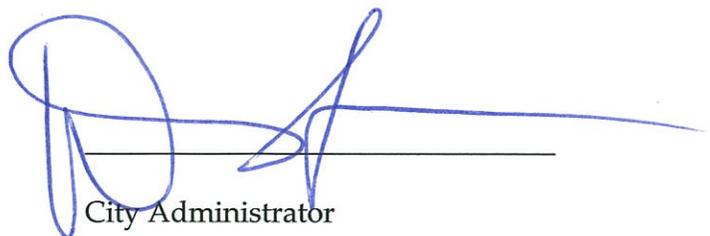
Miscellaneous

Council member Montgomery suggested that the Council have a workshop or retreat to develop a Legislative Agenda, receive updates on ongoing projects and revisit past goals and objectives.

The Workshop was adjourned at 9:12 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator