



Tuesday, March 17, 2020
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

The work meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirk Hunsaker at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Attending: Mayor Kirk Hunsaker, Council Member Nicholas Miller, Council Member Betsy Montoya, Council Member Lynn Mecham, Council Member David Hathaway

Other's Attending: City Manager Benjamin Reeves, City Attorney Brett Rich, Community Services Director John Bradley

INVOCATION

Council Member Bowman offered an invocation

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Manager Reeves explained that with the social distancing measures mandated from both federal and state authorities to prevent the spreading of COVID-19, now is a good time to begin thinking again about electronic participation in public meetings from the city. In talking with Mayor Hunsaker and in light of these recent events, tonight's Council Meeting will be broadcast on YouTube live.

Reeves asked the Council, when moving forward if the Council themselves should participate electronically instead of in person and whether or not the Council should cut back to one meeting a month as required by state code.

Council Member Montoya said that she was worried about stopping meetings completely due to the time sensitive workload of applications and other projects. City Manager Reeves said there are other options for electronic meetings and participation like Zoom for video conferencing. Council Member Bowman and Montoya agreed that Zoom was a good option referencing previous experiences with the video conferencing software.

Mayor Hunsaker said that the Council should play it by ear until the first scheduled Council Meeting in April to see if it would be necessary for the Council to electronically participate themselves for future Council meetings.

Discussion Regarding Pressurized Irrigation Water Wielding – Proposal Presentation by Summit Creek Irrigation Company (Phil & Tod Rowley)

Phil & Tod Rowley were not in attendance to make their presentation. City Manager Reeves asked the Council what their direction was in terms of the water wielding proposal as submitted by Summit Creek Irrigation Company

Recommendations and policy options were discussed and direction was provided to the City Manager to continue negotiations with Summit Creek Irrigation Company.

Discussion Regarding City Facilities – Continued

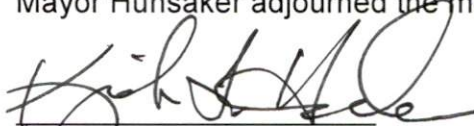
The impact of the recent COVID-19 outbreak has slowed down the financial processing of the revenue bond for a new city hall and City Manager Reeves asked the Council if they were okay with slowing down the bonding process for the next couple of months.

The Council unanimously agreed that this was a good idea as this was not a relevant issue due to the serious health concerns and fear not only in the community but throughout the world. The Council gave direction to continue researching and collecting data but to put a hold on all other bonding activities for the time being.

City Manager Reeves showed preliminary ideas that he's gathered from staff for new office spacing for all the departments that would move out of the Public Safety building and the Council gave their ideas and input.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hunsaker adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


Kirk F. Hunsaker, Mayor


K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder