



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, Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley, Community Development Director Jason Bond

INVOCATION

Mayor Hunsaker offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion and Recap of the 02-08-2020 Budget Retreat Meeting

City Manager Reeves showed the results of the project priority ranking activity done in the budget retreat and explained the budget process of narrowing down on projects until it fits within the budget.

Council Member Miller asked why projects that only cost staff time needed to be voted on and ranked. City Manager Reeves responded that this is to help the Council understand what projects, time, and efforts are being put in by staff as these represent an opportunity cost with regard to other projects that the Council wants done during the year and the limited amount of time available to the staff.

Council Member Montoya asked whether or not a project being outside of the top 25 of the project rankings meant that it would not get funded. City Manager Reeves said it all depends on the costs of the projects and it is very possible that a project outside of the top 25 could get funded depending on the costs of the other higher priority projects.

Council Member Hathaway asked about a particular project labeled 242. City Manager Reeves explained that this project was a consideration for the city to work with the County, State, and other stakeholders to plan and promote an agritourism look and feel to portions of the city in the future. Community Development Director Bond explained that this agritourism is a proactive approach to development instead of reactive, that the city has been doing thus far, as the city would have a plan of how future development should look and feel.

City Manager Reeves asked if there was any feedback to the Budget Planning Meeting and both Council Members Montoya and Miller responded that they thought the retreat should be broken up into two days instead of one. Having a two-day retreat would allow the time needed by both directors to give their reports on the first

day and Council Members to digest those reports for the next day's project ranking activity.

Discussion Regarding City Facilities

Museum

The costs for the museum building improvements remain at \$150,000-\$200,000 and City Manager Reeves asked the Council what they wanted to do with the museum.

Council Member Miller said he wanted community input before the Council made a decision but also wanted the community to understand the associated costs and opportunity costs. Miller expressed his concern with spending funds for a museum that is so infrequently used.

Council Member Mecham clarified that the price mentioned to fix the museum is only a partial solution, and would only fix the roof. It would not address the structural issues with the building. City Manager Reeves confirmed that this was correct. Mecham also expressed concern with the liability issues facing the city with the artifacts within the museum being uninsured within such an unstable building.

Community Development Director Bond said that the question that should be asked is where the artifacts would be moved to whether or not the building is repaired or not since they would need to move in either case.

City Office Space Needs for Public Safety & Staff

The topic of discussion then moved to the top project priority by both Council and staff, which was office space needs for public safety and other city staff. The alternatives for more office space from the Budget Planning Meeting were reviewed and the top choices by both Council and staff were discussed including renting or building.

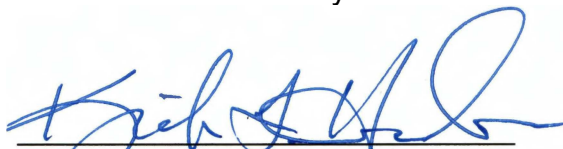

Council Member Miller said that staff needed to get comparable figures for all the additional office space options and bring those figures and designs to the public. Council Member Mecham and Hathaway agreed.

Council Member Mecham said that citizens will not understand why more office space is needed for fire, police, and staff and that a town hall meeting would be needed so that they understand the alternatives and solutions with hard figures and dollar amounts attached to them.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Council Member Montoya seconded the motion.


Kirk F. Hunsaker, Mayor
K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder