Tuesday, February 4, 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, Council Member Jennifer Bowman

Other's Attending: City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley, Community Development Director Jason Bond, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Emergency Management Director Chris Lindquist

INVOCATION

Norm Beagley offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Emergency Management Discussion

Emergency Management Director Chris Lindquist introduced himself and his four pillars to build a resilient Santaquin city which includes prepared citizens, prepared businesses, prepared schools, and a prepared community. Lindquist went over both the significant emergency management events that occurred in the city over the last two years and the resources that city currently has to work with in case similar events occur or escalate in the future.

Emergency Management Director Lindquist made some recommendations to the Council which included:

- Council and staff to become FEMA certified so the city could qualify for additional emergency management funding sources
- Emergency tabletop exercises
- The formation of an Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- NIMS Training
- Provide support and resources to perform emergency management responsibilities including computers, radios, and vehicles

Council Member Montoya recommended that Lindquist work with Police Chief Hurst to coordinate emergency management efforts with the various schools in the community. Council Member Bowman recommended that any efforts for coordination that Council Member Montoya mentioned with schools begin at the district level instead of the school level. As a principal in Nebo School District, Council Member Mecham offered his assistance in connecting city staff with the appropriate channels within the district.

Lindquist talked about the mass notification system that Santaquin uses, called Everbridge, and the need for more residents to register for its services in case of an emergency event. Council Member Bowman suggested that the city write about the importance of Everbridge registration in an upcoming city newsletter.

Mayor Hunsaker requested that Lindquist submit people for his consideration for an Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

Traffic Control Evaluation Process Discussion

City Manager Reeves gave his recommendation that traffic control evaluation policies should be established by the Developmental Review Committee (which includes the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Community Development Director, and City Engineer) with the City Council as the appeal authority. The Council unanimously agreed and Reeves said staff would move forward into putting this process into ordinance format for the Council's approval in an upcoming meeting.

Scope of the General Plan Update

Community Development Director Bond outlined the three elements required by state code to be in the city's general plan which include 1) moderate income housing element, 2) land use element, and 3) circulation or transportation element. The city has already updated the moderate income housing element leaving only two more elements to comply with in a general plan update. Bond said outside of those three elements there are many other additions to the general plan that could be done for more money but that the Council should consider what they think is necessary to be put into the document.

City Manager Reeves said there are two sides of the spectrums, the first, being a bare bones update that meets the three elements required by state code, and second, an update that has lots of surveys and town hall meetings. Reeves said that the city probably wants to do a general plan update that is somewhere in the middle in terms of scope and costs but also bridges the gap between the current plan and shifts in community sentiment and expectations.

All Council members expressed their desires to have community involvement in the process even if the cost was slightly higher. It was recommended that a 3rd party conduct the community involvement so that impartiality could be a part of the process with staff and Council attending the meetings simply to listen and implement the feedback into general plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hunsaker adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Kirk Hynsaker, Mayor

K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorde