

April 3, 2017
City Council Workshop Minutes

Mayor Behnken called the April 3, 2017, City Council workshop to order at 6:00PM with Staner, Knepper and Recker answering roll call. Hosch and Kearney came a little late.

Motion by Recker, second by Knepper to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Patrick O'Connell and Steve Leidinger from Lynch Dallas were present to discuss moving forward with annexation plans for the City. Section E that had been slated as a top priority was again reviewed. The cost to run water to that area is estimated at \$1m. Due to the cost of just running water, it is cost prohibitive to go after that area. The Ag land that is just East of area E has been sold and the plans for the land are unknown at this time. It would be beneficial to contact the owner of this ground to see what their plans are and to see if they are thinking annexation.

Council discussed other areas to work on annexing. The reason to annex is to protect the interests of the future growth and expansion of the City of Cascade. It might be beneficial to annex in land to the north of the highway bypass. This is one area that hasn't seen expansion but could be a viable option. With annexation the City can offer tax abatement which offers property owners reduced taxes on a sliding 10 year scale.

The City Administrator will put together a list of property owners in the areas that we are looking at annexing. From there the property owners will be contacted to see what it would take to annex into the City. Also, the City Administrator will take a look at what the taxes are on these properties now and what they would be if they annex into the City.

Hosch moved and Kearney seconded to adjourn the workshop at 7:34p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Marcus Behnken, Mayor