April 18, 2022

Joint Special City Council and Library Board Meeting Minutes

The April 18, 2022 Special Joint City Council and Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Kelchen, Oliphant, Hosch and Rausch answered roll call. The Library Board arrived at 6:00PM. Answered roll call.

Motion Kelchen, second Delaney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No public comment.

The City Council discussed various projects for the current and upcoming years for water, sewer, streets and parks. The Staff and Mayor presented a list of priority projects. The largest project which is scheduled for 2024 is the Hwy 136 reconstruction. The City’s estimated responsibility is $700K. The City may need to borrow the funds as no funds have been reserved for this project.

The Library Board joined at 6:00PM. Consultants FEH reviewed the planning and design process for a new library. The Board would like to proceed to hire a fundraising consultant which would be up to $20,000. They would also like to hire FEH to make more detailed renderings of the proposed new Library to be able to use for grant applications. This cost will be between $5,000-$9,000. The Board asked the City Council to contribute funds to assist with these two contracts. The Board would also like permission to apply for grant funds as most will require matching fund commitments. The Board also discussed priority sites for the new building and working to secure the properties with at least a right of first refusal. Interim Administrator Kotter reviewed the City’s existing debt obligations and state laws that limit the amount of borrowed funds to be sure both groups understood the current limitations. The City Council will consider further action at their next regular meeting on Monday, April 25.

Kotter will also work on getting some further estimates for some of the projects identified by staff.

Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Lisa A. Kotter, Interim City Administrator Steven Knepper, Mayor