

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Informational Meeting 4:00 PM at Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, Kenny Anderson Jr., James Entenman, Michelle Erpenbach, Greg Jamison, and Dean Karsky

Members Absent: Rex Rolwing, Kermit L. Staggers and Mayor Mike T. Huether

Staff Present: Tamara Jorgensen, CMC, Assistant City Clerk; Lorie Hogstad, CMC, City Clerk; Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager; David Bixler, Budget Analyst; and Rich Oksol, Lead Internal Auditor

1. Call To Order

Council Chair James Entenman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Staff Report

A. Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager

Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager, provided an update on a conversation held at the May 28, 2103, Joint Meeting between the Sioux Falls City Council and the Minnehaha County Commissioners regarding adequate funding for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System. David stated that he has been in contact with Troy Larson, Executive Director for Lewis & Clark, and they are recommending the following steps: Send a letter to President Barack Obama with a copy to the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Bureau of Reclamation; and send a second letter to both the Chair and the Ranking Member of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. David stated that both letters will be drafted with the assistance of Lewis & Clark personnel and will be presented for City Council consideration. In addition, Lewis & Clark will be copied on all correspondence.

David reminded the Council that they have been invited to a luncheon and tour at the Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum on Friday, June 14, 2013, at noon. The Council has been invited to see the improvements that have been made at the Zoo.

3. Audit Committee

A. Report on meeting held Thursday, June 6, 2013

Rich Oksol, Internal Audit Manager, provided an update on the Audit Committee Meeting discussions regarding training, action steps on Fraud Risk Assessment, and the introduction of new committee member Arnold Martens.

4. City Council Open Discussion

Councilor Kenny Anderson Jr. stated the topic for today's Public Services

Committee Meeting is to receive an update on the Tobacco Policy in the Sioux Falls parks from Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jill Franken, Public Health Director.

Entenman discussed Item 8 on tonight's City Council Meeting Agenda regarding supplemental appropriations. He stated this information pertains to the expenses associated with the ice storm. Entenman stated that additional expenses are coming, but those expenses would be covered by general operating funds for those individual departments.

Entenman stated that the Informational Agenda for June 18, 2013, will include a report which provides updated information regarding the damages and the status of the application for FEMA dollars.

Councilor Dean Karsky asked if the supplemental appropriation dollar amount could change. David Bixler, Budget Analyst, provided clarification regarding the supplemental appropriations. Discussion followed.

Councilor Greg Jamison referenced the Aquatic Facilities Master Plan book. He personally contacted all of the places listed in the Plan book that had indoor pools and inquired about how they did it, where did they obtain the funds, do they have partnerships, what are the amenities, etc. Jamison encouraged the Council to continue conversations regarding an indoor pool and that this information is reviewed. He noted that the City Council has received an invitation from Doug Lowe, Recreation Division Manager for Rapid City, to come and check out their indoor pool. Jamison stated he would stop there the next time he is in Rapid City.

Karsky spoke regarding the pending election regarding pools and asked the City Attorney for clarification on what the City Council can discuss. David Pfeifle, City Attorney, stated that information can be discussed that is educational or informative and Council Members are allowed to give their personal opinions on what should be done.

Anderson Jr. suggested conversations regarding locations should be avoided and the focus should be on other factors such as amenities, funding, etc. He cited that the research done on the Events Center included taking several trips to view other sites. Anderson Jr. would also like to see this conversation continue and remain open and ongoing.

Karsky replied by asking if it was true that the site plan submitted could fit most places. Kearney responded regarding "Tool Box Options" that the consultant put together as a result of his Master Plan. Kearney stated there are a many options available to suit the needs of the community.

Councilor Sue Aguilar asked for clarification regarding putting money in the budget for putting a plan together in addition to the study. Discussion followed.

Entenman asked Jamison if a group could get together to discuss this issue in more detail. Jamison noted that studies have shown that the community wants an indoor pool, but they are voted down during elections. He cited the merits of reviewing information ahead of time. Jamison would like to see more Council involvement in this discussion and process. Entenman suggested that he, Jamison and Kearney get together and brainstorm some ideas on how to proceed.

Council Member Michelle Erpenbach stated that Jamison will now serve on the South Dakota Municipal League Board as the representative for Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Erpenbach has served on this board for the past three

years.

Entenman stated that City Council committee assignments will be announced at the next Informational Meeting as he has one more assignment to make.

Anderson Jr. provided an update on his recent trip to Minneapolis while serving on the Xcel Energy Advisory Board. He stated he has toured the largest clean coal burning plant in the Midwest in Monticello, Minnesota. He has also toured the nuclear facility in Red Wing, Minnesota. Anderson Jr. stated the recent ice storm was discussed and said that Xcel Energy brought in crews from nine different states to assist. He said they did an excellent job and that they are a good partner with them when we have an emergency.

5. Adjournment

Council Chair James Entenman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC

Assistant City Clerk