

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2016**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jessup at 6:04 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV
Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley, was not present at this meeting.

2. Presentation from Simple Recycling.

Jacob Court from Life Scout Troop 731 gave a brief presentation regarding Simple Recycling. Mr. Court explained that simple recycling is the recycling of clothes and some small house hold items. He also stated some benefits of soft recycling; some of these benefits are reduction of waste in landfills and conserves natural resources.

Sonny Wilkins of Simple Recycling was also present and gave a brief presentation about his company. Sonny stated that this program is a free curbside clothing and home good recycling program. Simple Recycling will provide residents with green plastic bags that they fill and place curbside on collection day. Simple Recycle will then come by and pick up the donations and leave new bags at the resident's front door. Simple Recycling will weigh all recycling picked up and pay the City \$20 per ton collected. Mr. Wilkins also stated that if they City agrees participate Simple Recycling will mail post cards to all of the residents multiple times to advertise the program and promote participation. The first mail out will go out two (2) weeks before the start date, one (1) week before the start another mailing will go out with two (2) plastic bags and a tri-fold flyer. Simple Recycling will then send mail outs again two (2) weeks post

3. Discuss Utility Billing and Delinquent Account Process

Mayor Jessup gave a brief statement regarding the current utility billing system in place and possibly making some changes in the new budget year. He stated that the bills are currently and sent on postcards and staff is considering changing over to paper statements in an envelope. This change would require an update in software and minimal training plus a budget increase.

4. Discuss the Tactical Training Center

Mayor Jessup gave an update on the new Tactical Training Center (TTC). They are working to finalize the construction drawings and then they will be sent to the state for approval.

Since this is a state contract the plans must be approved by the state. Once they are approved the City's Building Official will review and approve them.

5. Discuss flood response on April 18, 2016

Mayor Jessup stated that he was very proud of the City's response during the recent flood. He had an After Action Review (AAR) with the Police Chief and Public Works Director to discuss what went well and what needs to be changed.

6. Discuss upcoming budget preparations and meetings

Mayor Jessup stated that it is time to start scheduling budget meetings with Council and Staff. The meetings should start around mid-June and be completed in August. He asked Council to email the City Secretary and let her know of any dates during that time period that they will not be available.

7. Discuss Dispatch

Mayor Jessup stated that a recent fire in the City brought up some issues with Dispatch. The Mayor informed Council that he is looking into some alternatives for dispatch at this time and will provide more information at a later date.

8. Discuss RFP for solid waste collection and recycling

Mayor Jessup informed Council that the City did advertise for RFP for the solid waste and recycling collection and the bid opening will be on Thursday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m.

9. Review items on the April 26, 2016 Regular Agenda

Council briefly reviewed upcoming agenda items scheduled to be discussed at tonight's regular meeting.

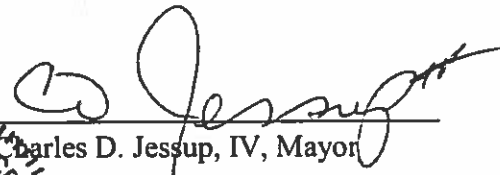
10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Kelle Mills made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman John Isbell and with unanimous approval the workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

ATTEST:


Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

