

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2013**

Present were Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV. and Aldermen Terry J. Henley, John F. Isbell, Kelle K. Mills and David A. Wilkens. Also present was City Secretary Janice M. Moore. Alderman Terry W. Morgan was not in attendance.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Jessup called the workshop to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Discussion:

a. West Airport Boulevard Project – Check Request

Mayor Jessup reported sending a letter to County requesting their portion of the funds for the project and that TXDOT was ready to move forward. He added that figure was significantly less than it could have been thanks to Rick Staigle's advice. Mayor Jessup noted that the current owners don't want to start anything with contract in place. Attorney Grady Randle may have to get involved this week to push offer along.

b. WCA Waste - Recycling Bins/Rebid/ Extension (Committee)

Mayor Jessup noted that, according to the current WCA contract (expiring in 2014); the City now was out of small and large recycling bins. He presented the following options: 1. Spend an additional \$800-\$900. 2. Go out for bid. 3. Extend the contract. 4. Set up a committee

Alderman Isbell noted that he has liked the company and that WCA was working well for the City. He suggested keeping in the contract. Alderman Mills said she had no complaints. Alderman Henley asked if WCA was willing to supply bigger bins at no cost and said the company was doing a great job. Mayor Jessup noted that WCA supported recycling because it would mean fewer trips to the landfill. All were in favor of getting the City logo on the bins. Mayor Jessup noted that he would follow-up tomorrow.

c. SWWC - \$93,000 Invoice

Mayor Jessup explained that Southwest Water Company sent the City a bill several months ago that was on hold to be paid. He further explained that the company went out of business in the State of Texas, but is still in business in other states, and that several other neighboring cities received bills as well. He reported that he had Public Works Director Dan McGraw and Accounting Clerk Laura Shirley decipher the expenses and then, in turn, asked SWWC to prove what was owed by the City.

d. IT Support Update

Mayor Jessup reported several months of unsatisfactory dealings with the City's current IT company. Some our fault, some personnel issues, billing problems, a lot of problems. He reported that upgrades and new software system installation have been completed, and that any further changes would be postponed. Mayor Jessup further reported that three (3) companies were invited to visit with he and the staff: Sugar Land PC, Accutek, and Wright Technologies. By consensus, Council agreed to have an emergency session, if needed, to execute a new contract.

e. EDC Activity Update – Bob Graf

Mayor Jessup reported that EDC Vice President Bob Graf was working on promoting the shopping center where Pesto Restaurant was located and was having discussions with developers. Alderman Henley, President of the EDC, noted that a meeting would be called prior to the 1st of the year. Mayor Jessup also reported that EDC authorized the upgrade of the City's current website adding a listing of commercial property available, utilizing it as commercial gateway. He added that EDC was working on a video for the website.

f. Retreat

Mayor Jessup suggested the Council participate in another retreat. He suggested Saturday, Nov. 16th or Nov. 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. He said he would be contacting everyone for their attendance.

4. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mayor Jessup gave a summary of the upcoming items on the regular meeting.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the ordinance on vacant houses. Alderman Henley objected to some of the language in certain sections. Alderman Isbell commented that posting a sign in front of the house was an invitation that the property was vacant. He mentioned that many homeowners had contacted him and his wife, Former Alderman Shirley Isbell, about vacant houses. He also expressed concern for the house next to Mr. Scofield's on Scottsdale. Alderman Mills noted that it could be modified at any time. Alderman Henley recommended a public hearing and to have more discussion. Mayor Jessup pointed out that the residents had demanded the city to do something for quite some time.


5. Adjournment


Alderman Mills moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Henley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

These minutes were approved by the

City Council on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

ATTEST:


Janice M. Moore, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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