

City Council
Special Meeting
May 7, 2024

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley

Also present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Scott Hedrick, Robbie Wayman, Leta Roberts, Sheila Blankenship, Sarah Barnes, Carina Roybal, Anita Geraci

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order after taking roll call. Schmidt made a motion to approve minutes from previous two meetings on April 4, 2024 and April 22, 2024. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Hofferber made a motion to approve purchase orders through consent agenda. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's and Budget reports were also reviewed.

Roybal told the Council the Maintenance department has been filling potholes, working on alleys, mowing, cleaning up the landfill, and meter changes. OCC reviewed current Public Awareness Plan Inspection and everything was satisfactory. The pool will open May 22, 2024 and the heater is set to arrive around the end of June with installation being in the same timeframe. The airport fuel tanks are set to be put in around the end of July. The Cemetery directory roof needs to be replaced.

Sheila Blankenship spoke to the Council on behalf of OHCE regarding a pocket park where the old donut shop used to be on Glaydas. Their OHCE group saw one in Laverne and thought it would be a great idea; however, their group cannot proceed with purchase, but offers assistance for the City. Schmidt made a motion to take no action regarding pocket park. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The stop signs at the intersection of Oak St and Washington St was discussed with Farley making a motion to add 2 stop signs at that intersection going North and South on Washington St. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Library updates were discussed. The City has been updating and doing improvements in departments. The Library has not been updated or improved in decades, and will be of focus moving forward. Leta Roberts and Sarah Barnes, library board members, gave Council a list of requests they would like to see and voiced their concerns that includes more shelving downstairs for more books and storage tubs, lighting where the lower ceiling areas are, new countertop at front table and repainting hallway door. Their concerns are messy countertops, office area, tubs sitting around and also replacing the carpet. Some Library board members do not want paneling painted and thinks cleaning it up with a wood cleaner would be best. Ideas for Boss Neff Park was discussed also including putting a border up by sidewalk with rocks for drainage, and a possible sidewalk through park for walking traffic. Schmidt made a motion for Ogden to build a budget and list of priorities to move forward with Library updates and review at next meeting. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to approve Oil Purchase for County chip seal project for Memorial St, Phillip Circle and Lorenz St up to \$25,000. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Schmidt made a motion to approve of Axon camera purchase for the Police Department. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to approve Braxton Burdge's firefighter application. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Farley made a motion to approve EMS Building addition behind current EMS building and for Robbie Wayman to proceed. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor