

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2022

At 6:00 P.M. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Pooler.

Attendance:

Mayor Mac Pooler
Councilmember Terry Douglas
Councilmember Sid Armstrong
Councilmember Ron Mercado
Councilmember Dennis Norris
Councilmember Anna Moody
Councilmember Monica Miller
City Clerk Bobbyjean Jurkovich

Discussion on Current and Upcoming Project List for The City of Kellogg 2022

Mayor Pooler stated that he has a list of projects that he sees as a priority, 1 being the possibility of a new library, 2 is chip coating but with the price of oil that might be difficult, 3 Stormwater and construction money from grants, 4 is starting to work on the re-authorization for Local Option Tax, 5 working on sewer letters with the option of sending second letters out, 6 hiring the right person for Superintendent of Public Works and 7 would be Teeters Field Concession Stand.

1st Topic

Teeters Concession Stand: Councilmember Armstrong, went out to bid twice and the bids came in too high due to a lot of unknowns by contractors. It was discussed with Tony Silva and he believes the Bunker Hill Mine concrete work could serve as walls. It was brought forward that Lori Sawyer had offered to start fund raising to help with the costs.

2nd Topic

Library Building: Councilmember Moody, Friends of the Library is a good resource. We have a lot of options where the city could place a new library. Discussion on possibility of merging city hall and library at the old pick and shovel lot (across from ski shop). Merging everything together would be better in the long run. The city would want to work with Howard Lunderstandt at Rural Development as there is a lot of funding for public buildings.

3rd Topic

City Shop: Councilmember Douglas, discussion on scaling back the city shop. Councilmember Douglas discussed with John Schroeder about building the west-pac building next to the water district for \$300,000.000, just add another 75% on top of that. Mc Gillivrays building was built by John Schroeder. Stick built building, really sturdy, floor heating, which saves a lot in costs. Architect had a checklist for a number of employees and may have gotten too intricate with the most recent design of the new city shop. City will want to make sure that the zoning is correct and be prepared for concerns from neighboring property owners.

4th Topic

Hiring of Superintendent of Public Works: Councilmember Douglas, importance of hiring based off of experience and hoping for someone with education that could benefit city. Possibility of hiring someone as South Fork Sewer did, they hired Pete Slayton from JUB and pay him \$115,000.00, and have estimated to have saved approximately \$65,000.00 just from upcoming two projects by employing Pete. Discussion with current Interim Superintendent of Public works, Craig Turbak led to agreement that he isn't far from retirement and the city would like a new set of eyes on things. Craig Turbak is doing a great job and acknowledges that there is a lot to the paperwork side of things and would be willing to learn if need be in the mean time. The hired person will also need to be able to integrate into what Rod Plank is currently doing.

5th Topic

Scout House Project: Councilmember Douglas, improvements on the Scout House continue. City received a Hecla grant of \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of the windows.

6th Topic

Brows Ranch: Councilmember Douglas, Collin Coles had inquiries from investors looking to purchase, he put a stop to them until they had more of an idea of their plans. City will have meeting with internal players tomorrow morning at 9am, they will be putting together a list of requirements and information for the land owners.

7th Topic

Discussion on Local Option Tax: Councilmembers had discussions on what percentage would be fair, anywhere from 4.5% - 5% would be fair and continue educating tax payers that this isn't a tax that they would be paying.

Councilmember Miller had questions regarding different topics,

Why does the city do chip-coat for roads? Prolongs the life of road. Fog Sealing is pretty but it isn't as effective.

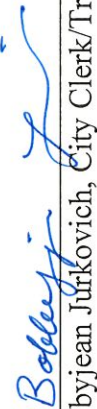
Councilmember Monica also asked for the city's perspective on the hanging baskets that the Chamber of Commerce does each year. Council shared that the city has attempted to help with the hanging baskets in numerous ways, being supportive as purchasing baskets, purchasing equipment like hangers for them. Mayor Pooler shared that the city does not want to take away from other jobs that the city has as well as it costing the citizens money. Councilmember Douglas stated that the city already does a lot for the chamber that they are not appreciative at all. It is already a sore spot from previous encounters, such as members coming to council wanting to change things, but not specifying change.

Councilmember Monica thanked Mayor and Council for their answers to her questions.

Information Only; No Council Action.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. to meet for the regular time of April 13, 2022.

ATTEST:


Bobbyjean Jurkovich, City Clerk/Treasurer


Mac Pooler, Mayor