

City of Ada
Citizens Forum
Special City Council Meeting
August 26th, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Ada- Borup High School Auditorium

Members Present: Mayor Dennis Roux, Jim Austinson, Craig Edwards, Rod Erickson, Jim Hansen, Cindy Peterson, Rich Pinsonneault, Candy Robertson.

Others Present: Todd Sawrey, Deb Alexander, Mark Potucek, John Rosenburger, Wanda Rosenberger, Jim Ellefson, Vicky Roux, Joanne Pinsonneault, Ross Pfund, Doug Peterson, Bruce Dougan Jr., Josh Mathsen, Michelle Mathsen, Steph Knudsen, Irene Roquet, Honey Olson, Kelsey Borgen, LeeAnn Hall, Larry Millendar, Dena Bishop, Deborah Mickelson, Janis Lee, Vernon Habeck, Pat Habeck, Clayton Jacobson, and others.

III. Business

A. Citizen / Business Forum

-Mayor Roux opened the meeting with a brief explanation of how Council has decided to move forward with the hiring of a new City Administrator. Council voted to approve the hiring of a head hunting firm to search for applicants. The City Administrator Committee has met and selected 2 options for firms and will bring this information to the next Regular Council Meeting on September 2nd.

-Mayor Roux also stressed the importance of The Law Enforcement & Technology Group to the City of Ada and also to the County of Norman. In laymen's terms this technology is helping the Law Enforcement Agency do their jobs more efficiently and effectively. This software based information system is present in the law enforcement vehicles. The mayor believes this system is saving our officers time and money.

-The mayor highlighted the importance of the "Park Street Project" noting the street was in the area of Leibl Ag, West Central and Weave Got Maile'. This area will also be the future home the new city well. Council is moving forward on this project as the street needs improvements for all the current and future traffic in that area.

-Pertaining to Land Acquisitions for the Flood Protection Project, the mayor noted that Phase 1 on the eastern edge of town is wrapping up and Phase II land acquisitions are complete. He thanked land owners and all others involved for making this happen.

B. Flood Protection

-Tyson of Moore Engineering presented information on the bids for Flood Protection Improvements on the Northwest Levee. Low bid for the project was \$820,326.00 while the high bid was \$1,155,879.90. R. L. Larson Excavating, Inc. had the lowest bid and was the contractor for the work already being done.

Motion made by Member Pinsonneault, second by member Peterson to approve the bid from R.L. Larson Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$820,326.00. Members voting for: Jim Austinson, Craig Edwards, Rod Erickson, Jim Hansen, Cindy Peterson, Rich Pinsonneault and Candy Robertson. Against: None. Motion Passed.

-Mayor Roux then rounded up his presentation with the concern that council has shown for the committees that are part of city government. Council wanted to bring this forward to see what the community felt towards the committees and the work they do.

-Several councilmen shared their views on support of the committees. Several shared their concerns with committees

-Community members shared concerns for abolishing committees. Many thought the action premature to get rid of committees. A 'wait and see' approach sounded logical to most.

-Mayor Roux opened discussion for any in the Community for comments.

- Community Members came to the microphone with the following:

- Support of Kristi Henderson for City Administrator Position
- Support of the Beautification Committee for the City of Ada
- Support of the Park Street Project
- Support of Cougar Edition Phase II
- Concern for FEMA Flood Certification and Flood Insurance for Residents
- Support for Incentives for Homebuyers within the City
- Concern for Properties in the City that are beyond repair and need to come down

IV. Adjourn

-Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kristi Henderson
Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Dennis K. Roux
Mayor

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