

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: City Commissioners Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, Judy Preston, Ron Boyce, John Campbell. Mayor Lou Marchello presiding. Mayor-Elect Pat DeVries present. City Attorney James Raymond and City Manager Todd Crossett present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Marchello called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Commissioner Funke moved to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Lies. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2009**
- B. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2009**
- C. DECEMBER 15-31 CLAIMS**

Commissioner Agrella moved to approve the consent agenda with clerical corrections to item B, seconded by Commissioner Sohm. Rory Horning declared a point of information and requested that the definition of “abusive” referenced in the previous meetings’ minutes. Mayor Marchello replied that they were not there to debate, but if he had a comment they would be happy to hear it. He suggested that Mr. Horning come to City Hall during regular business hours to have any questions answered. Rory Horning commented that he was not there to debate either, and wished the minutes to reflect that the Mayor was stifling first amendment rights. **The motion carried unanimously.**

SWEAR IN NEW COMMISSION MEMEBERS: Mayor Marchello relinquished the chair, and Commissioners Agrella, Sohm, and Clavadetscher stepped down. Judge Doug Olson swore in Pat DeVries as Mayor, Ron Boyce and John Campbell as Commissioners for Ward 1, Mike Lies and Judy Preston as Commissioners for Ward 2, and Fred Funke as Commissioner for Ward 3. Mayor DeVries took her seat as Chair.

WASTEWATER FACILITY LOCATION: APPROVE PURCHASE OFFER SUBJECT TO DUE DILIGENCE AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR TAMSCO BUILDING – OTHER DISCUSSION AS NEEDED AS TO EAST OR WEST SIDE OF KERR DAM ROAD ALTERNATIVES: City Manager Crossett noted that the time for beginning construction of the headworks was quickly diminishing, and he wished to clarify any questions the Commission had in regards to the 3 viable sites. Mayor DeVries had concerns that the value of the lease to the City was not included in the overall cost analysis of using the Tamsco building. There were also questions as to the heating and electrical costs of such a large building. She wondered if there were grants available for the headworks. Water & Sewer Superintendent Porrazzo replied that headworks, since they were not classified as public health and safety, did not rate high for any grants, however the treatment plant itself would rate high. The costs of the separate sites were discussed and clarified. City Manager Crossett noted that \$6,000 had been budgeted for an

engineer to study the Tamsco building to see if the building and all of its components could be used, and what would be needed to make it a useable facility for the treatment plant. The engineer report would take about a month. Mayor DeVries was concerned about the cost of utilities in a large building, especially where all the space would not be utilized. She also noted that the lease and tax value needed to be included. Mike Maddy informed the Commission that his wife and himself were the sole owners of B & I Holdings, LLC. He explained that they would like to sell the building to the City, however if the City did not wish to purchase the building they would like to lease it out to a vendor. **Commissioner Campbell motioned to direct the City Manager to commit the \$6,000 to work with Great West Engineering to work due diligence and make a recommendation for any and all improvement estimates. Commissioner Lies seconded the motion.** Rory Horning commended the Commission for having an open discussion. Tim McGinnis, representing the Riverside Terrace Homeowners Association, expressed that a sewer treatment plant was not the best use of riverfront property. He encouraged the Commission to use the property on the other side of Kerr Dam Road. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that new studies needed to be done, as the old one was not accurate, and the building was not tall enough for the desired filtration modules. Jens Gran commented that he was glad to see the new Commission did not care who owned the building it was a benefit to the City. Marla Gulickson urged the Commission to put the treatment plant on the east side and use the riverfront property for something more aesthetic. **The motion carried unanimously.** Mike Maddy requested that the City swiftly come to a decision.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE 653 – FORMALIZE APPROVAL TO USE TAX INCREMENT REVENUE AS SECURITY FOR BOND AS PORTION OF STREETScape URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (MCA 7-15-4217): Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 653, to formalize approval to use tax increment revenue as security for a bond as part of the Streetscape urban renewal project. Commissioner Funke seconded the motion. Rory Horning commented that the district had been shrunk under a previous mayor, and he questioned how that would relate to the people outside of the district. **The motion carried unanimously.**

RESCHEDULE NEXT CITY COMMISSINO MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, FOR OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY ON JANUARY 18: Commissioner Preston moved to reschedule the next City Commission meeting for Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Commissioner Lies seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Crossett welcomed the new Commissioners and thanked them for the good discussion. He noted that Parks Superintendent Karen Sargeant had recently completed a grant for recycling with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, the County, and the School District. The parks department had also received a small forestry grant to buy software that would create a tree inventory and more. In February they should be hearing on whether or not the City, County and Tribe would be receiving the TIGR grant for walking paths on Skyline. The golf restaurant and the all beverage license would both be items on the next Commission Agenda. There would also be a retreat for the Commission the next coming Monday, he urged any Commissioners who were able to attend to do so.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: Rory Horning welcomed the new Mayor and Commissioners. He commented that he had needed to make a point of clarification in regards to the language used in the agenda item on public discourse. He commented on the previous Commissioners treatment of the public, unwillingness to answer questions asked at meetings, and their treatment of specific individuals. He also added that alcohol had been illegal purchased and sold at the golf course in competition with the vendor at that time. Murat Kalinyaprak suggested that the City discontinue use of the Centurytel email addresses, in favor of simple ones hosted by the City's web server. City Manager Crossett clarified that abusive language is language that threatens, demeans, or belittles, attacking the person rather than their idea. Commissioner Duford commented that she did not think the confidentiality notices on the bottom of every City employees emails was appropriate. She added that it was confusing what should be kept confidential and what was public. Rory Horning commented that if the abusive language was a policy change, it should be brought before the Commission and the public. City Manager Crossett clarified that it was simply his recommendation. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that the atmosphere of the meeting with the new Commissioners was very different and for the better. He added that the public comment agenda item was a change had put the public automatically on the offensive, and the government did not need to put people down. Commissioner Duford commented that she felt the public should be able to ask questions at meetings and get answers to them. If the Commission was not informed enough to answer questions on agenda items, the Commission should not be voting on it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Pat DeVries

Attest: Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk