

POLSON CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010, 4:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: City Commissioners: Judy Preston, John Campbell, Don Smith, Elsa Duford, and Fred Funke present. Commissioner President Mike Lies presiding. City Manager Todd Crossett present. Others present: Mission Valley Aquatic President, Hu Beaver, Tana Seeley, Building Inspector Ron Melvin, Planning Official Joyce Weaver, Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo.

ABSENT: Mayor DeVries

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Mike Lies called the meeting to order.

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

MISSION VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER: City Manager Todd Crossett facilitated the discussion. Todd made it clear that there would be no vote or decision about the subject. The workshop was at the request of the Mission Valley Aquatic Center. President Hu Beaver and Tana Seeley were present to give a power point presentation, discussion, and to answer questions.

Their main objective was to raise funds for the state of the art aquatic center. To ensure sustainability, a recreation district had been created and a mill levy passed in 2008. The aquatic center would be constructed in 3 phases. Once construction began, the tax levy would go into effect. Swank Enterprises had created the designs for the center.

Hu Beaver introduced the possibility of using the Tamsco Building located on Kerr Dam Rd. That was the reason for the workshop to discuss the prospect of using that building as an alternate site. The aquatic center would be an addition to the facility. The subject of the water table depth was explored.

Commissioner Preston asked Tana Seeley the positive/negative of the Ridgewater site and the Tamsco site. Tana replied that at Ridgewater, located on Hwy. 93, it was a new development, nice setting. The Tamsco location required traffic to travel through the city downtown area bringing possible business, had an additional southern route, and was already established as a gathering location for children and families, close to schools, bicycle access, and community oriented. There were no negative remarks about either location.

Tony Porrazzo commented that while the site appears favorable; it was located where the new storm water drainage field would be located. The area is water/sewer land that was set aside for retention ponds, and the sewer lagoons are in the vicinity. Tony Porrazzo and Ron Melvin are putting together a proposal to present to the Commission outlining the plans for this same area. Joyce T-Weaver talked about the recent MMIA training session in which the instructor recalled

another Montana city that had issues with high ground water. This particular city had to keep the pool half filled which required a heater to be used all year round. There was a loss of revenue.

Hu Beaver stated that if the site is going to be an issue, the MVA would withdraw the proposal. The workshop was meant as a means of exploring the possibilities.

Todd Crossett asked Tony and Ron if they could have a proposal put together to present to the Commissioners at a workshop on Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Tony and Ron agreed that the packet would be ready. The workshop would begin at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Judy Preston asked if the Commissioners would be permitted to take a vote after the workshop on the 7th. Todd Crossett answered that the decision to vote would be up to the Commissioners.

Mike Lies adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Pat DeVries

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