

SPECIAL ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2009

The Special Council Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Kreft. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various ongoing projects, such as the 2009 Improvements, GIS, Capital Improvement Plan, Orderly Annexation, Wind Turbine location.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kreft, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan

Council Members Absent: Griep

Also Present: City Administrator Jaunich, Engineer Hawbaker, EDA Director Schultz, PZ Adm. Smith-Strack, City Attorney Arneson, PeopleService Rep's Paul Christensen and Paul Moe

Engineer Hawbaker presented information (including cost estimates) pertaining to the proposed 2009 Street and Utility Improvements. Considerable discussion was held.

Engineer Hawbaker gave an update on the G.I.S. and Capital Improvement Plan projects. He stated that they need some instance in obtaining records (old plan sets, including sump pump inspection records) for the water line infrastructure in the older part of town as their records are incomplete. He stated that they continue to move forward on both projects.

Engineer Hawbaker gave an update on the final assessment roll numbers for the four water/sewer extension projects that were done for the properties in the northwest corner of town (Griep, Hutch Coop, Morgan/Pomplun and Stuewe). It was agreed to hold the assessment public hearing mid-year.

PZ Adm. Smith-Strack gave an update on how things were progressing with the Amendment to the Orderly Annexation Agreement. She stated that after the joint meeting with the City, Township and County, she and Jeff Majeski (County Representative) worked together to come up with language called the 'Urban Reserve District' for the Amendment to address the various issues that exist within the OAA. She stated that the Township Board and City's Planning & Zoning Committee have reviewed the proposed ordinance, but before it is approved, she wants to present the information to the residents within the OAA that will be affected first.

Discussion was also held on the southern boundary line. Smith-Strack explained that she, along with City Attorney Arneson and Adm. Jaunich, meet with Seneca Foods to discuss the possibility of annexation of their (Seneca's) property, which would help fix the southern boundary problems. She stated that during the meeting (and subsequent meetings) the following three topics were discussed: 1) Property Owned by Seneca Foods Outside City Limits; 2) Property Owned by Seneca Foods Inside City Limits; 3) Southern City Boundary Line. It was noted that Seneca was opposed to annexation of any kind, but would like their property within city limits to be rezoned to I-2.

Smith-Strack gave on update on the High Island Creek Development. She stated that the Developers had petitioned the City for annexation for the portion of their development outside city limits, but the petition has not been filed to date and should be acted on. Attorney Arneson explained why the petition had not been filed yet. Lengthy discussion was held on annexation of property along the

southern border (included Seneca, High Island Creek, EDA, Hennen, Swenson and three private parties). Mayor Kreft asked Adm. Jaunich, P&Z Adm. Smith-Strack and Attorney Arneson to work together to attempt to re-open conversation with Hennen about annexing his property. Attorney Arneson will research the legality of the EDA qualifying as a petitioner for annexation.

Brief discussion was held on the High Island Creek Development Park Dedication Fees that are owed to the City and the money the City owes to the Development for road repairs. It was noted that the City continues to negotiate with the Developers on these issues.

Mayor Kreft recessed the Special meeting to hold a closed meeting.

Mayor Kreft opened the closed portion of the meeting. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss setting a purchase price for 2 possible properties for the wind turbine. Discussion was held on the 2 proposed locations.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the closed portion of the Special Meeting.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

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Mayor James Kreft