
Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell, Council Member Dobby Harris, Council Member Salli Thomason, Council Member Jai Otwell, and Council Member Terry Crawford

Admin Present: City Manager Perry Hicks, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, City Attorney Sam Price, Codes Officer Steve Muse

Purpose of Called Workshop

The purpose of this special called workshop is for the Mayor and Council Members to have a general work session.

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Work Session Discussions

■ Train Depot / Pacific Avenue (site of old police building)

Mayor Sewell stated that we have discussed many times, what we can do with the site of the old police building on Pacific Avenue. She stated that a train-watching platform has been brought up several times and we have recently discussed that idea again. She stated that someone brought up the idea of putting a pole barn on that property. She said she met with Alan Bell and asked him about a pole barn with a roof designed to look exactly like the old train station. Mayor Sewell stated that Alan Bell and Greg Dewberry have done the work for this drawing free of charge. She asked Council how they feel about this idea.

Council Members looked at the drawing and discussed the idea in general.

After discussions regarding the building and the bit of surrounding property, it was decided that Mayor Sewell will meet with Alan Bell and see where we can possibly go with this.

■ Downtown Development Contract (Phoebe Ericson) Proposal

Mayor Sewell stated that she received a proposal from Phoebe Ericson for the downtown development personnel position and stated that she has proposed two days per week work at a rate of \$3,200 per month.

After discussion, it was decided that we will counter-offer a rate of \$2,400 per month.

■ Christmas Lights

■ Ray Sewell Building

Mayor Sewell mentioned to council that there was a potential business trying to come into the Ray Sewell Building but was overwhelmed with all of the paper work.

■ License Plate Readers

Council Member Otwell mentioned the idea of getting license plate readers for the police department. He stated the equipment could potentially pay for itself with the large number of fines that we could collect by having them.

Operations Manager, Mike Thompson stated that there are some federal law suits due to tag readers being used by other entities.

Council Member Otwell stated that we could do some studies and think about it.

■ Old Hubbard Building

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the called workshop.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to adjourn the called workshop at 7:50 pm.