

The Special scheduled council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Bob Hooker and the pledge of allegiance given.

Council Present:

Jack Gradle
Jean McKittrick
Jane Vincent

Bill McCoy
Bob Millam
David Case

Staff Present:

Mark Shrives
Roberta Tharp
Layli Nichols
Roy Sprout

Shelley Humble

City Administrator
City Recorder
Finance Director
Public Works
Director
Airport Manager

Council Absent: 0

Press: 1

Audience: 11

1. Public Hearing

A. Local Improvement District – 5th & A Street Reconstruction Project

Mayor Bob Hooker opened the public hearing for the proposed Local Improvement District for 5th & A Street Reconstruction Project and called for public testimony.

Craig Feola who resides at 582 West A Street, Creswell addressed the Council in support of the LID but requested information in regards to completion date of project, interest rate if property owners chose to make payments for the LID and the large maple trees in front of his property. Mr. Shrives replied the LID project should be completed by the end of the summer; interest rates will be set by the bank after the project goes out to bid and most of the large trees along A Street will be removed.

Bill Hastings who resides at 269 North 5th Street, Creswell addressed the Council in support of the LID and stated he has two large trees that are proposed to be removed and would like to have the wood to use for heating his home. Public Works Director Roy Sprout said we will give the bulk of the wood to the homeowners.

Dennis Whittington who resides at 555 West A Street, Creswell addressed the Council in support of the LID but asked if there was any possibility of including and installing traffic calming devices on West A Street in this project.

Gayla Olson who resides at 195 North 5th Street, Creswell addressed the Council for notice clarification as the sidewalk along 5th Street on her property already exists. Finance Director Layli Nichols said on West A Street the LID for her property will include curb, gutter and sidewalk, but the North 5th side of the property will include curb, gutter and the thirty eight foot ADA radius at the corner. Mrs. Olson also asked for permission to have a driveway approach placed at the northwest corner of their property to allow access for boat storage in their back yard and if possible to have the telephone pole moved. Public Works Director Roy Sprout said her property is large enough by code for two driveway accesses but would have to look into the relocation of the pole.

Lon Bunce who resides at 660 West A Street, Creswell addressed the Council in support of the project but has concerns regarding the condition of the street in front of his home. Mr. Bunce said when the waterline was installed the street was torn up and he would like to know if it will be patched or repaved. Roy Sprout said the patch is cold-mix and is temporary; when the job is complete it there will be new asphalt there.

Isaac Demanett who resides at 420 North 5th Street, Creswell addressed the Council in support of the project but was concerned about drainage in the ditch at the corner of North 5th Street and Gilfry. Roy Sprout said he believes an area drain is proposed to be installed at that corner but will touch bases with the engineer to be sure.

There being no other public testimony Bob Hooker closed the public hearing.

Bob Millam moved Jack Gradle seconded that we proceed with the improvements for the 5th & A Street reconstruction project from Scott Avenue to A Street on North 5th as the primary bid and from 5th to 7th along West A Street as the alternate bid as previously approved by the Council, there not being 2/3 of the affected property owners who objected during the public hearing process. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Bill McCoy moved Bob Millam seconded to call for bids for the 5th Street Reconstruction Project with Scott Avenue to West A Street as the primary bid and 5th Street to 7th on West A Street as the alternate bid. Voted on and carried unanimously.

2. Finance Committee & Airport Commission Budget Recommendations

City Administrator Mark Shrives handed out budget recommendations from the Finance Committee and Airport Commission. Mr. Shrives said these are the same recommendations that were distributed at the May 11, 2009 City Council meeting and asked for discussion. Mayor Bob Hooker said he would like to discuss the proposed 3.8 % CPI increase in personal services and said he feels this is not a good time to do this as many companies are not giving their employees cost of living increases due to the economy but is in favor of leaving the benefits in place.

A discussion ensued regarding the economy and the fact that private sectors of business as well as public are not allowing for a cost of living increase in the next year. Mr. Shrives said there are two parts to employee wages, the cpi (cost of living increase) that effects the base of the scale for the step program and the step increase which is given in January based on employee evaluations and merits. Mr. Shrives said when he built the budget he built it two ways, one with the cpi which showed a fairly minimal impact overall in the personal services package and without the cpi, that shows a bit of savings due to the fact that we will save money in other areas. Discussion ensued regarding PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) rates for the next year.

A discussion ensued regarding City Staff researching and bringing back information to the Council in regards to the purchase of a larger Public Works facility.

The Airport Commission's budget recommendation for the fiscal year 2009-10 was for the Council to support a transfer of funds up to \$40,000.00 from the general fund into the airport fund. Mayor Bob Hooker said he is not against the transfer of funds and hopes they do not have to use the whole \$40,000.00 but feels the Council needs to come up with a plan for the Airport to become self-sufficient so we do not have to transfer money year after year.

A discussion ensued in regards to scheduling a joint work session with the Council and the Airport Commission to bring the new councilors up to speed on how the airport works and is connected to the city, its budget and thoughts on future funding.

Discussion continued regarding Creswell citizens continuing to subsidize the airport and how this is a transfer only if necessary to balance the airports budget. Bill McCoy said he feels it is the recommendation of the airport commission and feels the need to comply.

Bill McCoy moved Bob Millam seconded to approve the Finance Committee and Airport Commission budget recommendations for the 2009-10 fiscal year as presented. Discussion ensued that this motion includes the 3.8 % CPI increase in personal services. Voted on with Councilor McCoy voting in favor and Councilors Millam, Gradle, McKittrick, Hooker, Vincent and Case opposing. (6-1)

Mayor Bob Hooker moved Jean McKittrick seconded to approve the Finance Committee and Airport Commission budget recommendations for the 2009-10 fiscal year, excluding the 3.8% CPI increase in personal services. Voted on and Councilors Hooker, McKittrick, Vincent and Millam in favor and Councilors McCoy, Gradle and Case opposing. (4-3)

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, Acting Mayor Bob Hooker adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Robert A. Hooker, Mayor

Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder