

Council Present:

Mike Anderson
Jack Gradle
Jean McKittrick
A.J. O'Connell (via cell phone)

Jacob Daniels
Bob Hooker
Jane Vincent

Staff Present:

Mark Shrives
Roberta Tharp
Steve Dobrinich

City Administrator
City Recorder
RARE Intern

Council Absent: None

Press: 1 - Creswell Chronicle

Audience: 7

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Hooker at 5:03 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Councilor O'Connell is out of town and has made arrangements with the Mayor and City Administrator to participate in the meeting via cell phone (speaker phone). Mark Shrives used his phone to call and connect with Mr. O'Connell.

City Hall Contract Status Review

Contract status review and implications regarding decision made Monday, July 9, 2012 on rejection of contract with a request for instructions on how to proceed.

Mark Shrives explained that based on the decisions made at the July 9th City Council meeting, he has reviewed the available options without the approval of the Audio Visual proposal for the 2nd floor Council Chambers at City Hall. The proposal included the wiring, installation, and the audio/visual for the chambers to be operational. Mr. Shrives from his review he has come up with three potential options and needs Council direction in order to proceed.

- Move forward with the construction project with Thelander Smith Construction eliminating the audio/visual portion. This will complete the City Council Chambers but it will not include any audio or video capability.
- Reconsider the motion regarding approval of proposal provided by Audio Visual Presentations, and approve payment for invoice #3037.
- Cancel City Hall 2nd Floor Construction contract issued to Thelander Smith Construction. Cancellation of the contract will incur a penalty.

A discussion ensued regarding the penalty to cancel the contract would be approximately \$100,000; this would include the cancellations penalty, materials ordered, and additional costs for labor of the subs already completed.

Mayor Hooker said he is not in favor of cancelling the contract as that is a lot of money and moving forward without the audio/visual capability will cost more in the future when the walls will need to be opened to add them.

Councilor Gradle said the audio portion of the contract would help us be ADA accessible for the hearing impaired and the audience needs to be able to hear.

Jane Vincent asked if a bid process was completed for the AV proposal. Mr. Shrives responded that the architect went out for proposals, and of the proposals received to design the project this was the best bid. Councilor Vincent asked why this wasn't carried over to the August meeting, and Mr. Shrives responded that the general contractor is ready to start and the construction schedule has the audio visual contractor performing his work in about three weeks. Councilor Vincent asked about negotiating some of the items on the AV proposal list and Mr. Shrives said he thinks the list can be altered but the most critical piece is to put in the infrastructure and make the Council Chambers functional with at least microphones.

Councilor Vincent moved to postpone making any decision on the Audio Visual proposal in order to review and submit a revised proposal. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Councilor Daniels commented that completing the Council Chambers has been in the planning stages for a long time. He would like the City to live within its means, not be excessive, but also have a good audio system and is not in favor of cancelling the contract and paying a penalty. Mr. Daniels said he supports the monitor behind the council seats for presentations and the audio portion but is not in support of the television sets.

Councilor Anderson remarked that the funds for this project were approved by the Council in the budget process and is not in support of backing out of the contract. He feels the City needs to have a good system in place that provides good microphones, recording skills and live streaming in order for the public to know what really goes on instead of the misquotes in the newspaper and on the internet.

A.J. O'Connell thanked the Mayor for letting him participate via telephone and remarked that he cannot support this project until Creswell's poverty rate drops below the state's level.

Jacob Daniels moved Mike Anderson seconded the Council reconsider the motion voted on at the Monday, July 9th City Council meeting regarding the AV proposal for the City Hall 2nd Floor project. Voted on and the motion passes 5-2 with Councilors Anderson, Daniels, Gradle, McKittrick and Mayor Hooker voting in favor and Councilors O'Connell and Vincent voting in opposition.

Mike Anderson moved Jack Gradle seconded to approve the original AV proposal for the City Hall 2nd Floor project in the amount of \$47,846.59 for equipment and labor costs.

Mayor Hooker asked for discussion and Councilor Daniels reiterated his point that the televisions are a bit excessive and could support a modified version without the televisions but cannot support the proposal with the televisions.

Councilor McKittrick asked for an clarification on the monitor vs. the TV's and Mr. Shrives explained that it is designed for a projector that will project for viewing behind where the council will be seated, a confidence monitor that the councilors would use, and then based on a design calculation (distances) two TV's are shown placed in the middle of the room on the east and west walls for the audience. Councilor McKittrick asked if the Council could forego the purchase of the two TV's but have the infrastructure installed so they could be added at a later date and Mr. Shrives said that would be possible.

Jane Vincent said she has viewed the room and asked about the design standards. Mr. Shrives explained it was designed by the standards of the audio visual contractor.

Further discussion ensued regarding the cost to install the TV's at a later date and current attendance numbers at meetings. Mayor Hooker remarked that we need to look forward to the future as the city grows.

Councilor Vincent said she disagrees; she has noticed it is the people who live here now that we are asking them to carry the brunt of the cost of putting the stuff in so it is there for somebody else 15 to 20 years down the road, and they cannot afford it. She is not in support of this project.

Councilor Gradle noted that if we had the extra monitor, Councilor O'Connell would be able to participate by skype and it would allow for more open meetings.

Councilor O'Connell said \$5,000 could buy many meals for the food pantry, books for the library or winter coats for low income families and he is not in support of the project.

Councilor Mike Anderson withdrawal the his motion to approve the original AV proposal for the City Hall 2nd Floor project in the amount of \$47,846.59 for equipment and labor costs. Jean McKittrick agreed to withdraw her second to the motion.

Mike Anderson moved Jean McKittrick seconded the Council approve the proposal from Audio Visual Presentations in the amount of \$47,846.59 for the equipment proposed, minus the two LED TV's and labor costs associated to the TV's to the City Hall 2nd Floor Project.

Mayor Hooker asked for discussion and Jacob Daniels asked about the hardware associated with the two TV's that are being eliminated from the proposal.

Mike Anderson restated his motion and Jean McKittrick seconded the Council approve the proposal from Audio Visual Presentations in the amount of \$47, 846.59 for the equipment in the proposal minus the two sixty-inch LED TV's and the equipment and labor associated with them for the City Hall 2nd Floor Project.

Voted on and the motion passes 5-2 with Councilors Anderson, Daniels, Gradle, McKittrick and Mayor Hooker voting in favor and Councilors O'Connell and Vincent voting in opposition.

Approval of Audio Visual Presentations Invoice No. 3037

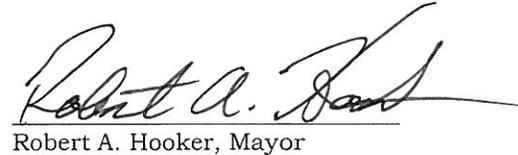
Jacob Daniels moved Mike Anderson seconded to approve Invoice No. 3037 from Audio Visual Presentations in an amount to be determined; \$13,067.03 less the price of 2 TV's and associated costs; City Administrator Mark Shrives will notify them of the elimination of two sixty inch TV's, the associated hardware and shipping from the proposal.

Voted on and the motion passes 5-2 with Councilors Anderson, Daniels, Gradle, McKittrick and Mayor Hooker voting in favor and Councilors O'Connell and Vincent voting in opposition.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Robert Hooker adjourned the meeting at 5:36 pm.


Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder


Robert A. Hooker, Mayor