

April 21, 2015
St. James Municipal Center
Special City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Present were: Councilman Huster, Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Sachs, Councilman White, Councilman Watkins, and Councilman Edwards. Councilman Tonding and Councilman Anselm were absent. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Backhoe Purchase

Discussion: Backhoe Purchase

Mayor White explained to the council the need for a new backhoe in the street department. The current backhoe is between 24-25 years old and is continually breaking down.

Councilman Huster expressed that he thinks we could get a better deal on the internet and that we should shop around more.

Councilman Edwards stated that the bid from Erb was \$30,000 less and why had this one not been recommended for purchase. The only difference was the extend-a-hoe and there was no need for that.

Councilman Smith asked if we had looked at the option on leasing a piece of equipment rather than purchasing brand new.

Councilman Sachs expressed that he felt like the council was misled on the amount of the backhoe.

Councilman Watkins stated that the streets did not have the funds to be purchasing a backhoe on their own, and he did not agree with having to take some of the money out of TST and Storm Water funds in order to help pay for it.

After lots of discussion Councilman Watkins made a motion to allow the Street department to rebid a backhoe for no more than \$50,000 including the trade-in. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Comments

Discussion: Mayor's Comments

Mayor White mentioned that a company had been to City Hall asking to solicit door-to-door selling services and that they would be coming to the next City Council meeting to discuss the issue. He asked that the Council begin thinking about this and if they would want it or not before the next meeting.

Mayor White also mentioned passing ordinances over a two month period of time rather than all in one meeting, except for emergency ordinances such as bond and tax issues that would need to be done immediately.

Councilman Huster wanted to recognize Mike Tanner at the meeting for being such a hard worker and getting the job done. He stated we need more employees like him. The council agreed and thanked Mike for his good work.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor, Jim W. White

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date