

City of Mansfield

Work Session Notes

City Council Meeting
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June 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Bryan Hale, Perry Lunsford, Austin Mitchell, Helen Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Hale, Walter Tuggle, John Napoli

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr gave the invocation and lead in the pledge. He asked if the City officially changed from a calendar year budget to a fiscal year budget. Both Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford and City Administrator Jeana Hyde answered yes. The mayor then told everyone that he asked Ms Hyde to have a financial report ready for the next council meeting and told them to ask as many questions as they wanted.

The honorable mayor then declared which councilman he wanted over which department; Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford will remain over finance; Bryan Hale will remain over roads and sidewalks; Helen Robertson will remain over the water and sewer; and Austin Mitchell will oversee electric. He then stated that he is doing away with overseeing garbage since it has been contracted out but would like to create a new IT/Public Relations department and have Blair Northen oversee it.

Mayor Davis shared that he talked to Mr Ricky Bruce to get an update on the City Center project. Mr Bruce indicated to him that he would be complete by the end of July. He also told the mayor that there is a unique situation available to him where concrete is cheaper than asphalt and having been charged by this council to bring the project in as economically as he can, he wanted to know if it would be okay to use concrete. The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr commented that concrete is prettier and better in his opinion but that he was going to get some more opinions on its durability. The mayor asked Councilman Bryan Hale to get the sidewalk repair specs to Mr Bruce since he would honor the concrete price for any place in the City. Councilman Blair Northen commented that he did not think changing from asphalt to concrete would be a good idea. He said it was not a durable, in his opinion and would stain and crack. Councilman Perry Lunsford thought concrete would last longer. Councilman Austin Mitchell said it depended on the type of concrete used. Councilman Blair Northen added that the application is different as well. The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr reminded the council that he was going to get more information from others on what would be the best material to use. He shared that he met with Mike Dubin and Will Midkiff of Beaver as well and they told him they are planning to paint and make other changes that will make their building more attractive. This is as a result of the City Center project.

Mayor Davis moved the conversation towards maintenance. He said that it is important to keep the city's rights of way and easements mowed because if a wire falls into the grass and cannot be seen it becomes a hazard. He shared that he is in favor of hiring labor help for the month of July only to get caught up on the mowing and will include this on the agenda for the next council meeting.

The next item he talked about was the surplus equipment. He asked if the council would be in favor of putting it on govdeals.com. He said the John Deere tractor needs brakes and asked if it is worth repairing or should it be put on govdeals as well. Councilman Blair Northen said it was worth fixing.

The mayor mentioned the Service Delivery Strategy the county is working on and the intergovernmental agreements Mansfield is a part of.

There are new signs being posted at Hwy 11 and Fifth Ave to help 18-wheelers not go in that direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford said the trail needs stop signs at the intersections, there were two boys on skateboards that rode into Hardman St without stopping and was almost hit by a car.

Councilman Bryan Hale said, "I have no knowledge of the business of the sheriff."

The work session ended at 9:00 PM.