

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Council Meeting Follow-up
2. Plains RFP & Ash Street Properties Update
3. Municipal Court Revision
4. Repayment Options for Existing Sales Tax Overpayment
5. Alcoholic Beverages Overconsumption Resolution
6. Malt Beverage Server Research
7. Agenda Setting
8. Legislative Review
9. Council Around the Table

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Powell, Johnson, Huber, Freel, Pacheco, Hopkins, Walsh, Lutz, and Bates.

Councilman Bates read a letter from a citizen regarding the cost savings in fuel for police vehicles. He asked that those figures be passed along so he can respond to the citizen.

Next, City Manager Napier began the discussion on the Plains RFP. Councilmember Freel recused himself from the discussion. City Manager Napier explained that a review committee looked at proposals last Friday. He then briefly discussed the two proposals that were submitted and explained that there was a requirement in the RFP that the appraised value be met or exceeded, but both of the offers that came in were below appraised value. City Attorney Henley explained that this presents a constitutional problem, because the City is not allowed to give public funds to private entities, and selling below appraised value when that was a requirement could be seen as violating the constitution. Therefore, he recommended Council direct staff to put out another RFP that includes language that allows flexibility with regards to the appraised value. This will allow rationalization for accepting a bid at a later time below appraised value. Council directed staff to draft a resolution for another RFP with the adjusted language with a due date 60 days from next Tuesday.

Next, Municipal Court Judge Lund explained the financial aspects of the court including included recovery of court costs, restitution, records checks, parking tickets, and a victim compensation fund. They have also transitioned to a new software system and have been trying to automate more parts of the court. She has also been working to reconcile some of the financials, and is hoping to have this completed by July 1, 2019.

Next, City Manager Napier reviewed the City's options for paying off the tax overpayment from the State. He explained that part of the overpayment was through one cent tax and some of it was general fund dollars. He recommended paying the one cent tax portion

back in a lump sum of \$773K and paying the other portion back in quarterly interest-free payments over five years. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with the City Manager's recommendation.

Next, Council discussed the overconsumption resolution. They decided that the resolution was unnecessary because these issues were covered in the new amendments to the liquor ordinance.

Next, Council discussed the training requirement for malt beverage servers in the liquor ordinance. They directed staff to amend the language requiring volunteers to have training as well for malt beverage permits. The amendment will be formally voted on at the next Council meeting.

Next, Council discussed future work session agenda items. Council then went around the table to discuss their respective board and committee meetings and share ideas and concerns related to public matters of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Fleur D. Tremel

City Clerk

Charles Powell

Mayor