

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKSHOP) MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2011, HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jimmie D. Lansford presiding.

TIME: The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brozak, Hart, Williamson and Mayor Lansford. Absent: Benner

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager, Paul C. Nicholson; City Engineer & Director of Community Development, Jeremy Palm; City Attorney, Stephen C. Myers; City Clerk, Pamela K. Leonard, Jeff Anderson, Police Chief, and David Fussell, Director of Public Works.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1.) DISCUSSION REGARDING GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND REVENUE – FY 2011/12 & FY 2012/13**
 - a. Wind Energy Revenue
 - b. Solar Energy Revenue
 - c. Municipal Utility Tax Revenue
 - d. Other General Revenue Options

Nicholson reported on the General Fund revenues:

- Stated that the Deer Run Project is on hold until 2012 or possibly 2013. The \$500,000 that was in the current budget will not be realized this year. The \$500,000 currently in reserve will have to be utilized this fiscal year and the City must stay within the constraints of the budget.
- Stated that the solar energy project was approved by the LaSalle County Board at its meeting on August 11, 2011
- Walmart Sales Tax
- Stated that increased utility taxes are an option that Council needs to address.
- Stated that another potential revenue sources would be to review existing fees and charges, etc.

2.) DISCUSSION REGARDING LICENSING REFUSE HAULERS

Williamson questioned why years ago, garbage pickup was changed from alleys to streets. Mayor Lansford suggested that this issue should be part of the whole revenue picture. Williamson commented that no one enforces the weight limit on City streets.

3.) DISCUSSION REGARDING LICENSING ROOMING HOUSES

Nicholson reported on the item.

4.) DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED STREATOR FALL FESTIVAL IN CITY PARK

Nicholson stated that a request was made by Streator Community Center to have a “Fall Festival in City Park Friday, September 30th through Sunday, October 2nd”.

5.) DISCUSSION REGARDING BERM PARKING – IMPROVED STREETS

Nicholson questioned whether berm parking should be allowed on streets where curbs have been installed. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to allow parking on the berm where there is curbing, but allow it where there is **no** curbs. Council also stated that for future projects when curbing is installed, there will be **no** berm parking.

6.) DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED SOLAR FARM – COUNTY BOARD PENDING ACTION

This item was covered in the General Fund revenue discussion (Item #1).

7.) DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAFFIC & PARKING CONTROL AUTHORITY – PRIVATE PROPERTY

Nicholson reported on the item and stated that this enhances the City’s ability to control the best interests of the City and homeowners.

8.) DISCUSSION REGARDING CRUISE NIGHT

Nicholson updated the Council regarding the plans for “Cruise Night” stating:

- That the route has changed and that there will be no use of Bridge Street
- That the major vendors will be shifted to the south end of City Park.
- That the car show on Sunday is going to be shifted from the east side of park to the west side.

SHORT SELECTED SUBJECTS:

a. Discussion Regarding Skate Park At Pool

Nicholson stated that he had met with Jenny Malnar and she still wished to proceed with this idea. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Jenny bring her proposal before Council.

b. Discussion Regarding A Request For Letter Of Support For AT&T/Team Mobile Merger

Nicholson reported that he had received a letter from AT&T requesting a letter of support from the City regarding the AT&T/Team Mobile merger. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the Mayor write the letter supporting the merger.

c. Legislative Intent Hearing –Amendment to the litter ordinance

Nicholson updated Council regarding the item and recommended that the City move forward on this issue. Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with this.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: [5ILCS 120/2 (2) (6)] For the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining and discussion of sale or lease of public property.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn to closed session.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to adjourn to closed session; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

TIME ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION: 9:45 a.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 10:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Hart moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting, seconded by Williamson.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Pamela K. Leonard, City Clerk