

Public Works and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 14, 2022

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met at 6:45 PM with two items on the Agenda. Two items that were up for discussion were the Sanitation Increase request the sale of a piece of land by the City to Raising Cane's Restaurant.

In attendance were Safety, Health and Service Committee Members

Committee Chairman: Mr. Dan Lanzer

Committee Members: Mr. Mitch Pace, Mrs. Cheryl Ramos

Alternate: Mr. Kelly Ricklic

Excused Absence: None

Guests were:

Mayor: Joel Day

Law Director: Marvin Fete

Safety Director: Greg Popham

Safety Director McAbier

President of Council: Don Kemp

Clerk of Council: Julie Courtright

Councilperson: Mr. Jim Seldenright

Excused Absence: Mrs. Aimee May

Mr. Lanzer opened the meeting and began discussion on the Sanitation Rate Increase request. He said there hasn't been an increase in 7 years.

Service Director McAbier stated that the reason for the increase is an increase in sanitation dump fees and wages, as well as fuel prices. He said the \$15 annually increase is very low.

Mrs. Ramos asked if this was to start building up a reserve for equipment or another truck. Mr. McAbier said it is. They bid on a 3 year contract. The increase will put in the reserve \$116,000 per year.

Mr. Ricklic said the City would have about a million carryover. Mr. Ricklic expressed concern about the economy right now and the effect the increase will have on the Citizens.

Law Director Fete asked for a second committee meeting on this matter. He had asked the Clerk to look some information up that he would like to present at the next meeting.

Mr. McAbier stated that right now we have four sanitation trucks that run every day.

This issue was tabled to discuss during a future meeting.

The next item up for discussion is the sale of a property by the City.

Mr. McAbier explained that this piece of property has a buyer that approached them. They put it up for bid starting at \$150,000. Raising Cane's Chicken wants to buy the property to build a restaurant.

Mrs. Ramos asked about the traffic congestion in the Bluebell Dr. area. Would this property interfere with that? Mr. McAbier says they'll empty out into the Walmart Parking Lot.

Mr. McAbier stated he needs to do a little thinking on this, and take about 20 feet off of the end of the lot, which will need another survey.

Mr. Ricklic stated he would like Maple to go into Bluebell Dr. so it's not a dead-end.

Mr. McAbier stated he needs legislation to allow them to open bidding on this property.

MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO DRAW UP THE PROPER LEGISLATION SO THEY CAN MAKE THE BIDS

MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

THE LAW DIRECTOR WILL DRAW UP LEGISLATION FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

With no further matter to come before Committee Mr. Lanzer motioned to Adjourn at 7:12 PM.