



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 5:30 PM
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

Minutes

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Dan Olson
Council Member Betsy Montoya
Council Member David Hathaway
Council Member Art Adcock
Council Member Jeffrey Siddoway

ABSENT

Council Member Lynn Mecham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jeffrey Siddoway.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Offered by Jax Edwards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement Discussion

Mayor Olson introduced the issue and emphasized the need for balance between enforcement of rule of law, city resources, and compassion for each individual scenario. He then turned over time to City Manager Reeves to present about code enforcement. Mayor Olson then gave time to Police Chief Hurst and Fire Chief Ryan Lind to talk about code enforcement.

Both Police Chief Hurst and Fire Chief Lind spoke to the need for balance in code enforcement and looked to the Council for specific direction in what part of the code the Council wanted to emphasize in terms of enforcement.

A discussion was had between the Council and staff to consider options for code enforcement.

Council Member Hathaway said that the city should be more temperate in its code enforcement decisions because sometimes ordinances are created in response to an issue that are too extreme in terms of abatement of the issue and we are stuck with strict code that is tricky to enforce. City resources should be considered in the debate about tightening up code enforcement as well.

Council Member Montoya asked for City Attorney Brett Rich's opinion on an administrative law judge. Attorney Rich said the advantage of an administrative law judge is to make adjudication more of an informal process which would lower costs incurred in a more formal court setting including public defender and jury trial costs because with most code enforcement decisions he's found that unless the goal is to put someone in jail for a code violation then it's not worth the resources and funds to put it through a formal judicial process.

Council Member Adcock asked if an administrative law judge would be more of an arbitrator or if they would have judicial powers. Attorney Rich responded that they would be quasi-judicial in terms of powers.

Mayor Olson said that in addition to the possibility of an administrative law judge that a discussion could be had with a couple of Council Members and the Fire Chief and Police Chief to give them more specific, concrete direction of what to emphasize in terms of code enforcement.

2. Winter Parking Enforcement Discussion

Police Chief Hurst gave a brief presentation on his department's efforts on Winter Parking enforcement. Most enforcement happens when a snowstorm is coming and right after. With an estimated 4,000 plus homes, two vehicles per home, and additional work vehicles - that's a lot of enforcement efforts for a single code enforcement officer and if the Council wants to move in a different direction then he looks for their specific direction.

A discussion was had between the Council and staff.

3. Upcoming Council Meeting Items

Mayor Olson led a discussion between the Council and staff on upcoming agenda items.

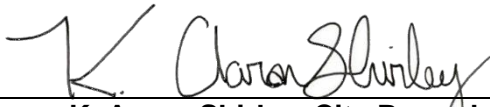
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Montoya to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Council Member Siddoway.

Voting Yea: Council Member Montoya, Council Member Hathaway, Council Member Adcock, Council Member Siddoway

ATTEST:

Daniel M Olson, Mayor


K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder