

The Board of Commissioners held a work session Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following; Christmas Parade, Street Sign costs, Cleaning Streets before Christmas Parade, Ordinances needing updating and cost, KIPP, Library updates, North Side Grant, Game Room Application. Present were Commissioners Gerleen Pitchford, Heidi Hogan, Jimmy Kearney, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom and Commissioner-elect Sylvia Alston.

Mayor Bobbitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mayor Bobbitt reported approval had been received from the State for the Christmas Parade, Moira Underwood was doing an excellent job planning the parade which would be on Saturday and start at 11:00 am.

Mayor Bobbitt reported she had priced street signs, 12 “no parking anytime” for the back alley \$54.40 plus posts \$194.80, and 5 stop signs \$142.70. Discussion included limiting parking signs on Main Street, gas trucks and vehicles blocking the alley behind Town Hall, talking with those blocking the alley rather than putting up signs and using “Do not Block Alley” instead of no parking. Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to purchase two “Do not Block Alley” signs and posts. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to replace five stop signs. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Bobbitt advised she had received a request to erect a stop sign at the northwest corner of Church Street at N. West Main Street. Following discussion, Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pitchford at next to Littleton Hardware at the corner of Church Street and W. North Main. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Bobbitt advised the streets needed to be cleaned before the Christmas Parade and asked the Board to consider hiring Dwayne Richardson to clean streets. Following discussion, Commissioner Kearney made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to hire Dwayne Richardson at \$8.33 per hour, to clean streets. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Bobbitt advised Commissioners Kearney and Newsom, Chief Suggs, the Clerk and she had met with John Morck, UCPCOG, concerning updating ordinances. The consensus had been to consider the privilege license and several nuisance ordinances for updating, as well as sections of the Zoning Ordinance concerning the Board of Adjustment. The cost for the Board of Adjustment would be \$500.00 and the other ordinances no more than \$1,200.00. In discussion it was advised the penalty section of the privilege license ordinance needed to be revised and the Board of Adjustment section needed revision due to new state statutes, and the nuisance ordinances needed more clarity for enforcement. Enforcing privilege licenses, investigating which ordinances needed revision, waiting to do the revisions until next year’s budget and the necessity for a budget amendment with approval of any revisions was also discussed. Commissioner Hogan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to investigate the issue of rewriting the ordinances. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Hogan, Kearney, Debnam and Pitchford voting in favor and Commissioner Newsom opposing.

Following the Clerk advising the Board of Adjustment ordinance changes needed to be addressed immediately as they were State Statute changes, Commissioner Kearney stated he would contribute \$100.00 out of the Cemetery budget, Mayor Bobbitt stated she would contribute \$100.00 out of Streets and Commissioner Newsom stated he would contribute \$100.00 from Police Fines. The Clerk advised she would see if she could find the remaining \$200.00 in the budget and present the amendment at the regular meeting in December.

Commissioner Hogan reported she had spoken with Cathy Scott; the county was asking 1.4-5 million for the **industrial building** and KIPP had only offered \$125,000. The good news was the County was still negotiating with KIPP.

Commissioner Hogan gave an update on the Library; she had met with Kathy Schneider and Mr. Dawson to go over what was wanted for the contractors to bid on. She also suggested having CJ's take down the heat system in the new Library building as there was a lot of copper. The estimate was three months for construction on the Library and she suggested consulting with Mary Sherwood on colors.

Commissioner Hogan advised she had spoken with Dennis Patton, UCPCOG, and the Citizen Participation Committee needed a broader spectrum of citizens. The Board discussed several possible appointees. In response to a question, Commissioner Hogan stated the CDBG house renovation was expected to start after Christmas.

Commissioner Debnam advised she had spoken with Keith Hamm, and everything was alright for the addition work on the North Side with the addition of abandoning the small water lines.

Mayor Bobbitt advised there was a person applying for a game room permit and Chief Suggs had stated there would be a cost for the back ground check. Discussion followed and the consensus was for Commissioner Newsom to handle getting the background check.

Mayor Bobbitt reported leaf collection was supposed to have started the previous day but the truck had broken down. Commissioner Pitchford stated the Board needed look for a debris site.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to schedule work sessions on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, subject to change.

The Board discussed having a Spring market for people to set up and sell things, with a minimum charge to pay for a port-a-john.

Commissioner Hogan stated someone living on Roanoke Avenue had gone through every snowflake and replaced bulbs.

Mayor Bobbitt stated she would take care of the chairs and desks still in the new Library building.

Mayor Bobbitt apologized to Commissioner Debnam; she hadn't meant to step on her toes concerning Mrs. Boone. Discussion followed on organizations that might help Mrs. Boone.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

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Clerk