



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday April 26, 2022

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00 p.m.
2. Old Business

A. Discussion of **Resolution 2022-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MABTON, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ALFRED WEBB INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, KURT BALLIET MANAGING MEMBER FOR 408 B STREET THE EX-BANNER BANK BUILDING**

There was discussion on Resolution 2022-12. Council member Andy wanted to clarify that the rental price for the new building would be \$900.00 and wanted to know how we could afford it. Mayor Ruelas did confirm the rental price and explained how the church that the city owns would be going up for rent. Mayor explains having a conference call with the Seventh Day Adventist Church earlier that week and they are in the process of creating a contract and would use that money to cover the rental. Council member Andy also asked who would be responsible for maintenance on the new building. Mayor clarified that the owner would be responsible as stated on the contract. Council member Zavala joined the discussion by explaining the current expenditures associated with the new building such as furniture, staff wages, and paint prior to council's knowledge. Council member Diana also joined the discussion explaining it wasn't much. Council member Vera explained the point being, contracts needed to be brought to council first. Mayor Ruelas explains the contract, she states having free rent April, May and June. We heard from council member Arturo who questioned mayor on one of the previous council meeting where she stated the church was unfit to be occupied. Mayor did clarify that she had an inspector and an engineer to review the building. She also clarified that the initial inspectors were from Northwest Code Professionals and this was only inspected because the SDA church had brought it to the attention of herself and staff. Mayor also clarified that it was temporarily closed for the safety of the public.

Council member Andy questioned if moving locations, would they assure that all doors would be closed to the city hall building to reduce light costs. Mayor explained there wouldn't be access to the building and no one would be working out of the city hall building. Council meeting locations have not been decided on yet. Current expenditure on the Banner Bank Building was addressed. Mayor Ruelas called for a 10-minute recess.

Study Session Meeting was called back to order at 6:19p.m

We heard from Council member Arturo who questioned how it was possible that the city would save money by moving locations when the city would still have to maintain the current building. Mayor Ruelas explained the cost of electricity would be reduced and the water usage would be minimal. Mayor also explains wiring being outdated, heating and cooling system not working correctly and explains that the Banner Bank building is updated.

Vera added the analysis from last year stating the Banner Bank building have spent \$5,129.31 and the current City Hall spending \$4,667.00. Mayor tried to explain the time spent in those locations differed. Arturo also questioned the insurance still needing to be paid for the current City Hall building. City Clerk Sylvia explained speaking to WCIA and being told the insurance would carry over and the current building would be uninsured. There was also conversation on plans for the back door, emergency exits requirements and estimates.

3. New Business

A. Discussion of **Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing a lease agreement between the city of Mabton and SDA Church for building located at 406 Washington St.**

Discussion on Resolution 2022-13 has been struck

B. Discussion of Purchasing police vehicles from Yakima County


There were discussions on the purchasing of police vehicles. We heard from Chief Garcia who explained some of the options for police vehicles. Chief Garcia explains the current dodge charger is wasting a lot of fuel and a couple of the impalas are starting to get outdated. Chief explains he reached out to the Yakima County Sheriffs for any possible used vehicles. Currently they have a newer Ford Taurus with 103,000 miles fully outfitted two-way radio and stand for the computer system, lights, sirens, and a full cage. The purposed sell amount would be \$2,800.00. The second vehicle is a Ford Explorer all-wheel drive 129,000 miles and is fully outfitted as well except the two-way radio. The asking price is \$3,900.00. Chief also states they both drive well and have great tires. Chief explains the process of it being approved through the commissioners. Council member Andy questioned the year of the vehicle. Chief confirmed it being newer than 2010. Council member also asked what year our current cars were. Chief explained one being 2008. It was also explained that they had no major issues however, they were getting outdated. There were no further questions.

C. Discussion of elimination of Public Works Director position

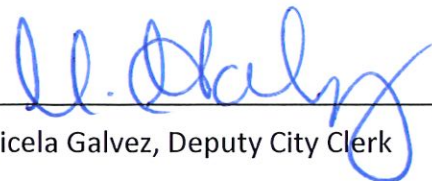
There was some discussion on the elimination of the public works Director position. Council Member Ver explained she didn't believe the city would be saving much by contracting out and eliminating the position. Vera explains the requirements for wastewater.

4. Executive Session: Start Time: 6:31p.m End Time: 6: 36p.m

5. Adjournment: Time: 6:48p.m



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Maricela Galvez, Deputy City Clerk