

COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday June 14, 2022

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00 p.m.

2. Old Business

A. Discussion of Resolution 2022-16 Declaring Certain Personal Property of The City of Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Said Property.

There was some discussion on the vehicles being surplus. Council member Arturo questioned the 1996 ambulance. Arturo questioned if this was the vehicle that had the box removed so it could be used for public works during the winter. City treasurer clarified that the dump truck was being used. City clerk Sylvia did note that the vehicle in question could be removed from the list if the council chose to do so. There were no further questions.

3. New Business

A. Discussion of Contract agreement with Yakima Humane Society

There was some discussion on the contract agreement with the Yakima Humane Society. City Treasurer Josh explained the options. The cost for the first option is \$300.00 a month. This would allow for animal control to be on standby during working hours. The second option had a cost of \$3,000.00 a month. This option would allow for 15 hours a week of coverage. Council member Mary pointed out K in the contract. Josh explained K being a \$15.00 fee per day for pickup of an animal and a mandatory 10-day hold. Josh also gave the option of possibly hiring a part time employee or a part time code enforcer and part time animal control. Council members agreed to wait and look into numbers before making a decision. There was also questions as to what other cities are doing with this situation. Josh explained that the Yakima Humane Society was basically the only option for shelters at this point.

B. Discussion of Resolution 2022-14 Approving the Renewal of The Small Works Roster Interagency Agreement with MRSC

There was no discussion or concerns.

C. Discussion of Well samples

We had Jamin from G&O talk about the well samples that are needed. Jamin explains the progress on the city's well 7project. Jamin explains the water rights that were bought several years ago. They worked through the process and the city received funding for

drilling the well. It was about 66 percent grant and they have been working with the hydrogeologist. Jamin explains that with this well, they are hoping to get 400 gallons per minutes from this well. Jamin explains the new well only being able to take water from the top 200 feet down. He also explains the benefit of practicing economy and possibly getting two wells instead of one. There was a question from council member Arturo who asked where the wells would be located. Jamin explains the possibility of collocating one well with well 4 and the additional well near well six. It was also explained that it was not done on writing but the Department of Health was also comfortable with those locations. Mayor also questioned when this project would start. Jamin explained they were in the process of design and they are hoping to put out for bid in the next couple of months. The second item up for discussion was the project risk of nitrates. This is a known and ongoing issue throughout the valley. The state limit is 10 milligrams per liter. The solution would be if it is indeed over the limit, it could be blended with water from the other wells to be in compliance. If the nitrate levels continue to be high, the treatment process would not be easy as it a complicated process. Before choosing a location for the well, it has been discussed to study the nitrate concentration in the surrounding groundwater. Jamin explains the possibility of helping public works to sample any surrounding wells on the resident's own property or any agricultural wells around town.

D. Discussion of ARPA Fund Application

There was some discussion of the ARPA Fund application. Jamin explained that Yakima County had received about 48 million in ARPA funds. Yakima County has decided to distribute that money across the Yakima County. Jamin explains some possible projects that could be used for the applications such as; a sewer project, and remote water meters with an estimated cost of \$500,000.00. The application in total was 4.8 million.

4. Title:

A. Interview for Council Member Candidates

Tabled

Mayor Ruelas clarified the postponement on interviews for the vacant council position. The closing date for applications has been extended until July 8th with a closing time of 3:00p.m. The current applications will be held on to and all interviews will be done on July 12th.

5. Executive Session: Start Time: 6:36p.m End Time: _____

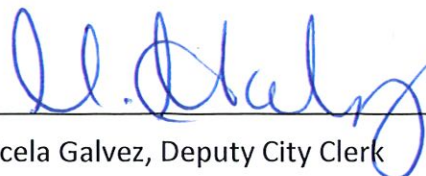
RCW 42.30.110.(h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. Action is anticipated to be taken upon reconvening the Council Study Session Agenda

6. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION #2
Strike

7. Adjournment: Time: 6:59p.m



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Maricela Galvez, Deputy City Clerk