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Charleston, MO City Council January 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jack Feezor. Also present were Council members Jack Whiteside, Phil Halter, Patrick Farmer, and Tommy Butler along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, Public Works director David Harris, and DPS Director Robert Hearnese.

Recognition of Visitors: Attending the meeting were four Boy Scouts who were attending the Council meeting as part of a program to earn a merit badge. The scouts introduced themselves and Council members thanked them for coming. There were no other visitors.

Awards / Recognition: Donald Dixon of the Dept. of Public Works and Brenda Bickford of the Dept. of Public Safety were recognized by Council as Employees of the Quarter for October – December of 2018.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Council member Patrick Farmer made a motion that the minutes from the December 11, 2018 Council meeting be approved as presented. Phil Halter seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Report of Monthly Operations / Business: City Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report as part of the meeting packet but also added a few verbal remarks. Mr. Goode advised the Council that since the CDBG grant application for funding of the police station renovation / expansion had been denied, the city would have to move on with an alternate plan to do the project.

He briefly reviewed the challenges of structuring the financing for the project and advised Council that he had asked Dille-Traxel Architects to prepare a formal proposal to provide design services for consideration at the February Council meeting. He also advised that the intent is to do a construction management approach for the project which means a general contractor will be brought on board at the beginning of the project based on a formal selection process to work with the architect on cost estimates and cost control throughout the design process instead of doing competitive bidding for a general contractor at the end of the design process.

Mr. Goode answered several questions about the project and the construction management approach to the project and explained that City Council will have three approval points for the project: approval of contract with Dille-Traxel for architectural services, approval of contract with the general contractor for construction management services, and approval of the financing for the project.

New Business:

- **Pre-Approval for Used Bucket Truck:** A memo had been included in the meeting packet explaining the need for a bucket truck for the Dept. of Public Works. Mr. Goode asked City council to approve an expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the purchase of a used truck so David Harris could shop for a used truck and have the ability to act when a suitable truck is identified. Council members asked David Harris several questions about how big a bucket truck he needed, etc. After discussion, Phil Halter made the motion to authorize David Harris to spend up to \$30,000 on a used bucket truck that was suitable to do the work needed, and Jackie Whiteside seconded the motion. Council members Halter, Farmer, Feezor, and Whiteside voted to approve the motion. Tommy Butler voted against the motion. Motion approved by a 4 to 1 vote.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer