

Work Session Minutes

February 12, 2024

@ 5:00 PM

Member Joyce Jeffreys was absent.

Craig Knight spoke to Council about training for Russell Graham which will be 3 different overnight stays March 4-7, April 8-11, & May 20-23 this training is only available to 75 officers. The only cost will be for the hotel the actual training is free.

Cassandra Lee spoke on the need for the Nepotism policy in the handbook since there is none in the current policy book. Jason White said he didn't see any problems with families working in same departments as long as one is not supervising and those employees know that they can't be a supervisor over family. Conflicts can arise in all relationship situations and that is why this matter is being looked at for the policy book.

Brian Phillips spoke on the possibility of refurbishing a firetruck rather than purchasing a used one or a new one. He presented amounts to Council for each scenario and the option to refurbish was well received. He also stated that currently one engine is in the shop and the other one is beginning to have issues. If it is decided to refurbish the engine during that time of restoration they would provide the City with a loaner to use because it could take 4 to 6 months to complete.

Deangelo McDaniel was present as well as Myron Bohannon – Mr. McDaniel spoke about what he and Mr. Bohannon wanted to ask Council about if the Park and Recreational Department could give their reel mower to the golf course since they have needed one for several years now and the Park doesn't use theirs. In turn the Golf Course would give the Park and Recreational Department monies to purchase a 72" mower and a Golf Cart with a dump bed and soft tires. Council Members seemed to be in favor of doing this if each department was satisfied.

There had been some questions about who schedules the fields for practice at the park and Mr. McDaniel cleared this up for all those present. The new fields are

considered travel fields and no one is allowed to practice on those. Due to the time and personnel it takes to get them ready for play it is not allowed. Other ballparks do the same with their travel fields. The other fields are organized by the League Presidents so that is who anyone needs to speak with about practicing on those. We have lost some practice fields due to the new gym and other sites being used for other purposes.

Quality Paving has submitted a quote for paving the Recreational Center Parking Lot and H. A. Alexander Parking Lot. These parking lots haven't been done in approximately 13-14 years. The additional parking lot for the new fields is just basically waiting on weather and work schedules of Hood Construction to do.

Pickle Ball was brought up again and Mr. McDaniel stated that when the gym floor was redone that now they have 4 areas inside. The outside tennis courts can possibly be redone for pickle ball courts and the Mayor has a call in for those to be inspected and will report back when they get back to him.

Mr. McDaniel also spoke to Council about the concrete pad needed for the dumpster at the Mini-Park. He encouraged the Council to ride by Mini-Park and see what they are speaking about needing the pad and also about the paving for the parking lot at Recreational Center and H A Park.

Mayor Weatherwax spoke to the Council about Commissioner Kyle Pankey asking for help with the cost of the parking area where the old annex and jail is going to be torn down. There was no specific request as far as monies just a question of if the City would be willing to help. The question arose about what was going to be done with the property where the restaurant burnt and if they would be doing something with it in the near future. That property has some liens against it, so its not clear what the County can do at this time.

Mike Berryman has submitted a quote for concreting the area around the building at the Cemetery.

Mayor Weatherwax spoke to Council also about considering that our person who digs the graves has went up \$100.00 over the past few years that it might need to be addressed before January the cost for cemetery plots and opening and closing of those plots. In 2022 a Resolution was made to increase the plots by \$100.00 every January until this year 2024 which makes the cost of purchasing a plot

\$2,000.00 which includes opening and closing. If a person had previously purchased a plot then the opening and closing is \$500.00 and we now pay \$400.00 to the person who does this.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member