

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 2nd day of August 2016.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Jerred, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Napier; Asst. Attorney Davidson; Directors Aguirre, Boger, Glover, Hamilton, Pitlick, and Wilde; Lt. Wasson; Managers Palazzari and Davidsmeier; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Warm Up Items

Councilman McGrath asked if Burlington Northern had been notified of the weeds along the railroad tracks on Hwy 14-16 near Church Street.

Councilman Kuntz asked about Kluver Road. Director Hamilton reported that the project could be re-bid as there is approximately \$250,000 in project savings that could go towards Kluver Road.

Commissioner Bell explained the CARE Recycling Summary that was provided, regarding the recycling program. An explanation of residential and commercial quantities was given. Commissioner Bell stated that the intent was not to charge the City a \$10,000 flat fee and a tipping fee of \$40/ton. He added that the recycling center will be operational September 6th and the County would like to see an ordinance passed that does two things: make it illegal to contaminate recycle bins, and make it illegal for a commercial business to dump their recycling into a residential bin. He reiterated that the center would be open September 6th and there would be no charge for commercial until January 2nd. Administrator Napier stated that there is a lot more discussion that needs to take place before the August 9th meeting in order to provide a recommendation to Council.

Water Manager Monahan presented information regarding a request for Wachs Water Services as a single source vendor for the City's valve exercising program in the amount of \$57,500. Administrator Napier added that the money has already been budgeted; this is not a new request for funds. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the sole source vendor.

Administrator Napier reported Robin Voight as staff's choice for the Park's & Beautification Board.

2016 2nd Quarter Updates

Cam-Plex was not in attendance to provide an update. Mary Silvernell provided an update for the Lodging Tax Board. Charlene Murdock provided an update for the Chamber of Commerce.

Employee Handbook Discussion

It was decided to discuss the Employee Handbook during the upcoming regular meeting.

High Friction Road Surface Treatment Discussion

Tyler Miller, Earthworks, explained high friction road surface treatment. The Council expressed interest in the road surface treatment and suggested another meeting.

Due to time constraints, the discussion for Customer Service Billing Statement Outsourcing would be discussed after the upcoming regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The Pre-Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Customer Service Billing Statement Outsourcing Discussion

Director Pitlick explained the proposed billing statement outsourcing request. After the explanation, it was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to move forward.

General discussion regarding the consensus funding item scheduled for the upcoming City/County/Town of Wright agenda, took place. Mayor Carter-King stated that she would like to suggest using \$50,000 of consensus funding towards the purchase of recycling bins.

Executive Session

Councilman Barks made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilman Kuntz. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor