

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 13 February 2023

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

PRESENT: MAYOR: Rod Westbroek

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hayley Alberts
Joel Dills
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Quin Soderquist

CITY MANAGER: David Larson

CITY RECORDER: Lisa Smith

FIRE CHIEF: Derek Tolman

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Mark Larsen

Minutes: Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Cole Fessler, Paul Sturm, Josh Evertsen, Clayton Berg, and Jason Branson.

Mayor Westbroek called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Dills

2. Prayer: Councilwoman Petty

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Public Works Facility Project:

Councilman Halverson reported a conceptual design was put together by CRSA. The Municipal Utilities Committee met and recommend City Engineer Brandon Jones put together a cost analysis, preliminary drawings, and bid packet to get a more accurate cost estimate. The City Council will review the packet prior to being sent out.

4. Fire Department Quint Purchase:

City Manager David Larson explained the City Council requested staff put together options for the City Council to review concerning a quint fire truck. Based on current economic projection the City staff is finding it difficult to come up with the difference. It was stated the cost for an engine is approximately \$850,000 to \$1M and a quint is \$1.2M to \$1.3M. Currently, \$115,000 is set aside per year for vehicle replacement. However, to make up the difference it will cost \$387,000 per year.

Councilman Halverson communicated the new Public Works Facility will be bonded for and suggested \$500,000 could be moved from ARPA funds to go towards the purchase of a quint fire truck. He added the City can save for the next four years to gather the rest of the cost for a quint at \$1.2M to \$1.3M. Councilman Dills agreed with using ARPA funds. Councilman Soderquist queried how much the bonding would be with the ARPA funds and suggested identifying a cap on how much the City is willing to pay. Councilwoman Petty reviewed a lot of City funds have recently gone towards the fire department and she suggested purchase of an engine.

Mayor Westbroek acknowledged a quint would be nice, but questioned if South Weber City needs a quint. He objected to using ARPA funds, which would result in delaying other projects. Councilman Dills conveyed he discussed with Chief Tolman the need for a quint and was told the reason was Cambridge Court Crossing Apartments. Chief Tolman clarified the need arose as the City decided to build buildings over 35 ft. high. Councilwoman Alberts suggested if the City does not have the equipment to put out fires for buildings with the height of 35 ft. or higher, then the City code needs to be amended.

Councilman Dills inquired on the fire department's plan while waiting for the truck to arrive. Cole Fessler replied the city hopes someone in a neighboring city can provide mutual aid and can send their quint. Mayor Westbroek suggested holding off on a decision. Councilman Halverson expressed the need to increase the budget line item by \$200,000 regardless of the decision because every five years a vehicle will need to be purchased. Councilwoman Petty noted she is not comfortable taking from the Capital Facilities Fund. Council sent it back to the Public Safety Committee with the following questions:

- Where is the funding coming from? What gets delayed?
- Are grants available?
- Numbers on engine costs?
- Numbers on cost to buy or lease a quint?
- Will this take a tax increase?

Councilman Dills moved to table this item until further information is collected concerning how the purchase can be financed. Councilwoman Alberts seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Alberts, Dills, and Soderquist voted aye. Council Members Halverson and Petty voted nay. The motion carried 3 to 2.

5. ADJOURN: Councilwoman Petty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Councilwoman Alberts seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Alberts, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Soderquist voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED:  Date 03-14-2023

Mayor: Rod Westbroek


Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest:


City Recorder: Lisa Smith