

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – November 17, 2009**

Mayor Ken Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Nelson led the pledge

ROLL CALL:

Present: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Finance Director Jim Egeberg, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Deputy Police Chief Dave Scanlan, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor Ken Nelson read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Vehicle Replacement

Mr. Vogt: There have been a number of discussions on the replacement of these vehicles. They are outlined in the report to Council. He pointed out that bids received in September are very favorable with regards to issues previously discussed. We have good trade-in values. If faced with retaining the vehicles there could be rehabilitation costs of \$90,000 to maintain the street sweeper. It is in the City’s best interest to strongly consider these purchases at this time. If Council is not comfortable with replacing both vehicles, he strongly encourages consideration of the sweeper.

Alderman Lusk: \$164,000 for the street sweeper. We run about 9 months per year?

Mr. Vogt: Sometimes that is curtailed.

Alderman Lusk: There is no benefit to outsourcing?

Mr. Vogt: An estimate received was \$4,000 - \$5,000 per City sweep or about \$60,000 per year.

Alderman Lusk: If we don’t purchase this year we are looking at a cost difference of what?

Mr. Vogt: The engine itself would be an additional \$10,000 - \$12,000. The trade-in would not command as much of a return.

Mr. Hartnett: The increase would be about \$36,000 overall.

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Alderman Lusk: A new vehicle would last about 10-12 years?

Mr. Hartnett: Correct.

Alderman D'Astice: What would cost \$90,000 if it is running right now?

Mr. Hartnett: The body is rusted out. Side brooms operation is pretty poor. The left side does not work at all and the right side is failing. Underneath, the broom and suction head is wearing out. We are hoping it will make it through this leaf season.

Alderman Larsen: He and Alderman Buske inspected this vehicle. It is in very bad shape. He appreciates Public Works staff diligence in exploring other options. He is in favor of purchasing these vehicles.

Alderman Judd: If we spend the \$90,000, how many more years will it last?

Mr. Hartnett: 5-7 years as long as there are no chassis problems. Any chassis problems would be a major issue.

Alderman Lusk: The garbage truck, could it be deferred two years.

Mr. Vogt: Hates to commit to more than one year. With enough money we can make it last. It would not be cost effective. It is not in as dire straits as the street sweeper.

Alderman Lusk: She is leaning towards purchasing the sweeper and holding off on the truck.

Mr. Vogt: Replacing in 2010 or 2011 would cost us more to replace the truck. He understands Council's concerns with these large purchases.

Alderman Pitzaferrro: Will support the sweeper, but not the refuse truck.

Alderman Buske: The engines were never discussed in earlier discussions. The sweeper is running double shifts right now. He would back the sweeper, but will not back the garbage truck. He has received a few calls about why garbage pickup is so expensive. We need to find out what it would cost to privatize.

Mr. Vogt: There have been preliminary discussions about our refuse pickup options.

Alderman Buske: Will back the sweeper, but not the garbage truck.

Alderman Judd: Concurred with Alderman Buske. We definitely need to look at privatizing refuse pickup.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Resolution No. 09-R-107 / Award Contract for Street Sweeper (Postponed by Mayor at November 3, 2009 Meeting)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Pitzaferro made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman Buske: We are going to pay cash for these?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Yeas: Pitzaferro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

B. Resolution No. 09-R-108 / Award Contract for Refuse Truck (Postponed by Mayor at November 3, 2009 Meeting)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Yeas: Larsen

Nays: Pitzaferro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Failed

ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business, Alderman Buske moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Pitzaferro.

UNANIMOUS

Special City Council meeting of November 17, 2009 adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

November 17, 2009 Special Council Meeting Minutes Approved by Council on December 1, 2009



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk