

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Kenneth Johnson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers: Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, Marc Spohr.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

Absent Was: Mayor Tim Wilson

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Johnson reviewed the 2011 Council committee list.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING O.M.C. CHAPTER 12.16 – PRIVATE USES OF CITY FIRE HYDRANTS

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon advised that contractors that use city fire hydrant meter backflow devices during construction sometimes fail to return the meter timely or fail to use them properly. To resolve these issues, the proposed ordinance increases the deposit; ties the costs to a utility account; imposes purchase of the equipment if they do not return the equipment; increases the monthly meter charges; and provides that the meters will be read monthly by public works. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked what the status of improvements to the water standpipe is. Mr. Sheldon advised that Public Works has been asked to look into a card system for the water standpipe.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon reported that the fifty year franchise agreement with Cascade Natural Gas expires January, 2011. A draft franchise ordinance was forwarded to Cascade Natural Gas and they tentatively approved it. The City's insurance pool, Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), added additional insurance coverage requirements and the City's attorney advised to change the term to ten years. Cascade Natural Gas paid \$114,074.58 in utility taxes in 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Johnson reported that meetings were held relevant to the cancellation of the 2011 Sandhill Crane Festival. The Sandhill Crane festival committee will meet this week to make a decision about whether to host a 2011 festival.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr requested an update to Well #5 and Well #6. Mr. Sheldon reported that the bottom screen came out of Well #6. A small cave-in occurred and they believe that it may have blocked the area where the high fluorides come from. They are now taking water samples from Well #6. The work on Well #5 is substantially complete. We only have Well #7 operating today, which is adequate for the small water demand.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr stated that there may be issues with some of the work done by the Main Street contractor on sidewalks and entrances.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Johnson made the following announcements:

- The dog license survey will be posted to the City website, in the newspaper and will be inserted in the January utility bills.
- The ACDC banquet is Thursday, January 6th at the Nazarene Church at noon.
- The Sandhill Crane meeting is Friday, January 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
- The homeless count is January 27th. Volunteers should contact Barbara Anderson.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 7:27 p.m.

By: _____
KENNETH JOHNSON, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk