



Mayor and Council Meeting Work Session Minutes January 23, 2012 6PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on January 23, 2012 at 6:00PM for the purpose of conducting a regular work session. The meeting was held in the conference room on the second floor at City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

A. Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

B. Roll Call

All members of the governing body were present for the meeting except Councilmember Ruffin.

C. Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): None.

Deletion(s): None.

Postponement(s): None.

Tabled Item(s): None.

The Agenda was approved by general consensus.

D. City Manager's Report

Iris Jessie, City Manager, explained that although the item does not appear on the agenda, there is a need for the City to purchase vehicles for the General Services Department. General Services has hitherto been utilizing interdepartmental vehicles.

Mayor Dixon asked Mrs. Jessie if the matter should be added to the agenda; Mrs. Jessie noted that it should not and should instead be added to the City Manager's Report, as the General Services Dept. has prepared to make an official request. She then introduced Bennie Rose, Director of General Services.

Bennie Rose described the current fleet of trucks operated by General Services. He then gave a price comparison of the newer models being considered for purchase.

Mayor Dixon opened the floor for Council to comment.

Councilmember Davis asked about the model truck and the number of mileage on the older fleet. Mr. Rose replied that he had not brought mileage information, but that the miles far exceeded 100K.

Mrs. Jessie indicated that funds from another account could be used to purchase the vehicles. She further indicated that although there was a request for two vehicles her recommendation was that one truck be purchased. The City had explored lease-purchase options as well, but Mrs. Jessie cautioned against using the City's debt ability to purchase vehicles. She and Finance Director, Lolita Grant, discussed the City's options and recommended that the City purchase a vehicle.

Councilmember Stamps-Jones asked Mr. Rose about options to sell the parts of the older fleet. Mr. Rose advised that the vehicles would be sold at an auction.

Councilmember Wallace agreed on the pricing of the vehicles. She further expressed support for the future purchase of replacement vehicles. Councilmember Wallace asked Chief Patterson about the possibility of General Services purchasing the vehicles using the police department's relationship with GMA (Georgia Municipal Association). Mrs. Jessie advised that the purchase would be made through the state contract, based on the pricing.

Councilmember Wallace asked if funds from another department could be used to offset the cost of the vehicle. Mrs. Jessie advised that the first option is to spend out of the General Services budget; that the other departments' budgets were lean that would be used only as a final option. She further communicated that the presentation was done with the intent to gather consensus and that they would move forward with budgeting for the vehicle purchase.

Councilmember Stamps-Jones asked Mr. Rose how the fleet condition was impacting the work output. Mr. Rose explained that work output had not been adversely affected; however, the energy costs to use his personal vehicle and the other city-owned vehicles were mounting.

Mayor Dixon offered support for the venture and commended Mr. Rose on the presentation.

Councilmember Wallace inquired about forgoing the process for approving City purchases over \$5,000 to Mayor/Council, based off Mr. Rose's price comparison, in order to expedite the purchase. Mrs. Jessie explained that the City would have to maintain compliance with the city charter's policy is for purchases exceeding five thousand dollars.

Mayor Dixon advised that a resolution be drafted quickly and added to the agenda in order to budget for new a new vehicle for the General Services department.

Mayor/Council reached consensus to purchase one vehicle.

Feedback 2013 Budget

Mrs. Jessie requested feedback from Mayor/Council on the 2013 Budget Calendar. It was determined that February 7, 2012 would be the target date.

Riverdale Resident Survey

Mrs. Jessie advised that a Riverdale Resident Survey would be issued to the citizenry to complement this year's public hearing. February 6, 2012 is the release date of the surveys.

Basketball Camp

The City will begin its basketball camp prior to the basketball league and will schedule it to coincide with "Riverdale Hawks." The camp begins in February. The registration fee is fifty (\$50) dollars. Mayor Dixon reported that the functionality of the recreational facilities is being used by several Christian Academies.

G. Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Councilmember Davis had none.

Councilmember Stamps-Jones asked for a list of events and their associated costs. Mrs. Jessie advised that the report would be submitted by the first meeting in February.

Councilmember Wallace advised she would communicate with Linda Barthell to discuss a matter regarding correspondence with the City Attorney. [Parts of Ms. Wallace's comments were inaudible]

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.