

Work Session Minutes
December 9, 2024
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Brent White
Jason White
Cassandra Lee
Joyce Jeffreys

Absent: Denise Lovett

Ms. Cassandra spoke about the Building Inspector possibly being a 2-person board. She also ask if we had anything on commercial property and was assured that we did. She wanted to make sure while doing the interviewing that qualifications are being met as to what we need rather than this is what we have. Mayor Weatherwax spoke on the process taking a long time legally but Ms. Lee stated that the nuisance was still a big issue for her and she thought maybe another person could help in being able to do more properties. Mayor Weatherwax stated he didn't believe so at this time.

Ms. Lashundra Craig from the Kitchen, which is a building on 157 where she and other volunteers feed the needy, she was present to ask if the Council could provide her with some help financially or help with fixing things at this building site. Mayor Weatherwax informed her that the City was not allowed to do work on private property and Attorney Jerome Thompson spoke also on this. Mayor Weatherwax did tell Ms. Craig that if she would prepare the financials and present those to the Council with information on the board etc that is over the funds that each year the Council can review that and possibly allocate monies in the next budget year based on what information she provides. Accountant Emily Edwards stated that she usually begins working on the Budget in June so if Ms. Craig could provide that information then it could be considered.

Accountant Emily Edwards spoke to the Council on behalf of Police Chief Knight that the police vehicle he was approved for in the budget was ready and he would

be coming to the Council at the next Council Meeting for approval to proceed with that purchase.

Secondly Ms. Edwards spoke to Council about at the next Council Meeting there would be a Public Hearing to allow the public to come and speak about any roads or streets in the City that should be considered in the process of applying for a RAISE Planning Grant. This grant if awarded would be to improve the most needed streets in Moulton. Street Foreman Daniel Woodard is also mapping the areas that he feels like is in the poorer shape and that this grant would benefit the most. Councilmen Brent White ask if this grant was based on the economics of a particular area to which Ms. Edwards replied that it was not – it is solely based on the determination that Moulton is considered a “Rural Community.” Council woman Lee ask for clarification of what determined “Rural Community.” Ms. Edwards stated that population under 5,000, median income certain range those are the 2 things that Ms. Edwards could recall that qualified us as a “Rural Community.”

Mayor Weatherwax informed Council of emails that had been received from the Corp of Engineers stating that we were approved the grant money for the planning of the study on Crow Branch – flooding and the cost of that was \$219,000.00 per email received in May. The total budget for the Corp project is 3 million dollars so he stated that lets us know that they are proceeding along with this.

Councilman Jason White ask about the pickleball and splash pad grants and where that is at this time...Ms. Edwards stated that it is still being worked on that information is still being gathered and submitted per engineers, Park Director Deangelo McDaniel etc. It is being written and the grant writer will submit it when the time is correct. There is also for gas and water upgrades – there are 3 grants currently being worked on for all of that – everything is up to date at this point.

Mr. White ask did the utilities go up and the Mayor stated that annually it goes up 4% in October.

Ms. Lee ask that Daniel Woodard discuss the holiday schedule for garbage pickup
– Christmas pickup week: normal Tuesday pick up will be on Thursday and normal
Wednesday pickup will be on Friday and the same will be for New Years week.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member