

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Letarte, Greenhoe, Brown and Norris. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present: City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, City WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Assistant to City Manager Brian Reed, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke. City Librarian Nancy Murray arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Rotary Amphitheater: Anticipated Completion in Spring of 2007.

Parking Lot Behind National City: Anticipated Completion in March/April 2007.

WWTP Project: Still in Process of Under River Passages.

Hall Street Property: Three Prospective Businesses looking into the property.

Small Town Design Review: Meeting was held February 1<sup>st</sup> with 35 to 40 people in attendance. Assistant to City Manager Brian Reed passed around the information from this meeting as well as letting Council know that they could view the slide presentation as well.

Red Ribbon Hall: Construction is beginning on the bathrooms.

Ice Rink: Now open at Howe Memorial Field.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Request from Fourth of July Committee: Don Colestock appeared before Council requesting monies for the Fourth of July Activities. Mr. Colestock explained that the Committee is currently in the red, and he was requesting the monies to pay for the 2006 Fireworks, and that money was still owed to Night Magic in the amount of \$5,000, and that the Committee would not be asking Council for money for the 2007 Fourth of July, but would try to work harder to raise the money to pay for the 2007 event, but needed this money to pay off the debt for last years celebration. This item will appear on Monday's Agenda.

2007 Street Paving Project: City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the proposed Streets that he was anticipating repaving in 2007. This item will appear on Monday's Agenda.

Pocket Park - Value: City Manager LeFevere and City Assessor Baker reviewed with Council the vacant land located next to City Hall, and that the parties involved were now willing to donate the property to the City, but that a value had to be given to the property. Assessor Baker passed around the information that he had gathered. This will appear on an Agenda in the near future.

Discuss Bids for Demolition of Barn: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council that the old barn at the South Industrial Park needed to be demolished and that bids had been received to do this work. Manager LeFevere stated that this would be an LDFA Expense. Councilwoman Letarte stated that this needed to go before the LDFA Board, with all the negative press that was in the paper about the Council spending LDFA Funds, that she was not willing to approve this and that it needed to be an LDFA decision. After discussion it was the consensus to have the LDFA Board look at this expenditure.

Discuss Electrical Rates and Meridian: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the discussions that were ongoing between the City, Dacott and Meridian regarding the PPCA Charges on the utility bills.

Summer Accounting Internship: City Clerk/Treasurer Reinecke reviewed with Council that there was a student interested in doing her Accounting Internship with Bowling Green University during the summer with the City. Council agreed that this should not be a problem as long as it was in lieu of hiring Summer help.

Snow Removal Policy: Mayor Davidson reviewed with Council his research into other City's snow ordinance policies. After discussion it was agreed that the City needed to proceed with the current ordinance and enforcement after the next snow fall.

### **Goal Setting Session:**

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There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

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James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk