

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Informational Meeting 4:00 PM at Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, Kenny Anderson Jr., Vernon Brown, James Entenman, Michelle Erpenbach, Greg Jamison, Dean Karsky, and Rex Rolwing.

Members Absent: Mike T. Huether.

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Council Operations; Tamara Jorgensen, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

1. Call To Order

Council Chair Aguilar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. She requested a five minute delay due to technical difficulties.

2. City Council Staff Report

A. Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Council Operations

Owen discussed resolutions for tonight's City Council meeting regarding appointments to SECOG (South Eastern Council of Government), the UDC (Urbanized Development Commission) and the Redistricting Commission members. Owen reviewed the Redistricting Commission resolution and explained the need for the party affiliations to show on this Resolution.

Owen discussed the re-codification process and the timeline for the completion of the project.

3. City Council Open Discussion

Brown stated that the Fiscal Committee will be meeting following the Informational Meeting regarding authorizing city contracts and sewer/water rate freeze on increases. Brown also asked Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation, to respond to a recently received letter regarding Spellerberg Park. Brown reviewed the CIP budget regarding the Events Center and reiterated that the Council has regularly asked that the full dollar amounts associated with the Events Center be included in the CIP budget. This information is not showing in the CIP budget. Brown reminded the Council that the City Charter states that this information has to be included.

Erpenbach stated the letter regarding the pool was from a citizen in her district and that she had copied and forwarded the letter to all of the Council Members and to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Aguilar spoke regarding City Council members receiving invitations to speak regarding the Events Center. Discussion occurred that a Council Member should ensure that the group understands he/she is not speaking on behalf of the entire Council; but is representing their own personal point of view. Discussion followed.

Brown asked the City Clerk's Office to give a brief update on some of the "rules of engagement" expected of Council Members regarding Elections.

4. Presentations

A. Rail Yard Relocation Project Update by Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works  
and Joshua Peterson, Principal Engineer

5. Adjournment

City Council Chair Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC

Assistant City Clerk