

CITY OF HOPE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008 6:15 PM  
BANCORP SOUTH FARM HOUSE

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: INVOCATION

ITEM 3: REVIEW MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

ITEM 4: GOALS MEETING

**CITY OF HOPE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

The City Board of Directors met at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2008, with the following present:

Catherine Cook, City Manager  
Joe Short, City Attorney  
Carol Almond, City Clerk

Directors: Dennis Ramsey, Mayor absent  
David Johnson, Vice-Mayor  
Doodle Franklin, absent  
Willie Walker  
Steve Montgomery  
Don Still  
Don Hall

Vice-Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. Don Still opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Don Hall, seconded by Willie Walker. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Stewart Noland with Crist Engineers attended the Board meeting to brief the Board on the next phase of the Class 1 landfill that will need to be built within the next 12-18 months. He outlined his initial thoughts in a letter that was attached to the agenda.

When the Class 1 Landfill was built in 1996, the City of Hope permitted Zones A, B, C, D, and E, but only constructed Zones C, D, and E, knowing that within 12-15 years based upon volume of waste, the other cells A & B would need to be constructed. We are now at that time frame. It should not be the protracted application process that the Class 4 landfill has been as it is already permitted. Total construction cost according to Mr. Noland's estimate is \$760,800, including engineering costs. This will require looking at the finances of the Sanitation Department and determining how best to finance the debt that will be necessary to construct the next phase. Zones A & B once constructed will have a total life capacity of about 8 years.

Mr. Noland also presented a contract for his services, if the Board should choose to enter into that agreement.

After some additional discussion Mrs. Cook made the following recommendations:

1. Have Joe short review the engineering agreement.
2. Begin the process of looking at financing options.
3. Review future possible rate increases to cover operating expenses.

Don Hall made a motion to accept the proposed engineering agreement, contingent on approval by Joe Short, and to proceed with the landfill development project, seconded by Willie Walker. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

We have had another breakdown at the landfill that requires an emergency repair of the Cat 963 Loader. This loader, purchased in 1996, is a vital piece of landfill equipment, without which we cannot operate on a daily basis. We have previously this year repaired the undercarriage on this machine. Now the final drive on the machine has experience a major failure and will need to have a complete overhaul. Staff presented a copy of the repair quotation on this final drive component in the amount of \$23,673.00. This is not a budgeted expense for the landfill, but, unfortunately, will be a necessary one. To replace this excavator with a new one would be in the \$275,000-\$300,000 range. Dave Rose assured the Board that this one still has much useful life in it if we repair it.

After some discussion Joe Short read the proposed waive bid ordinance.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1512**

**AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 14-58-303 FOR PURCHASE OF REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE CAT 963 LOADER USED BY THE CITY OF HOPE LANDFILL"**

Vice-Mayor Johnson asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules. Don Hall made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Don Still. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." The Vice-Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Don Hall made a motion to adopt the ordinance seconded by Steve Montgomery. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." Vice-Mayor Johnson asked if there was a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Don Hall made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by Don Still. Roll was called and all answered "Aye."

The City received a request to use the Old State Police Building from a local nonprofit, Renovations of Life. A memo was presented by Paul Henley detailing the request, the use, and the terms that would be placed on the building if the request is approved by the Board.

After some discussion Don Still made a motion to approve the request from Renovations of Life, seconded by Steve Montgomery. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Willie Walker addressed the Board concerning the use/programming of the Northside Park Community Center.

The requests were as follows:

Request #1:

The Association would like to request that the Northside Park Community Center be made available to the Northside Park Community Association on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1-8 pm of the month for recreation programming staffed with one (1) City of Hope employee. Additional members of the Northside Park Community Association would also be in attendance. All the current games and recreational activities would be available to the children.

Request #2:

The Association would like to request that all other weekends of the month (1st, 3rd, & 5th ) the Northside Park Community Center would be available for rental with games and recreational items in place. In addition, the Association requested that the building be made available during community-wide events such as Black History Month and the Yerger School Reunion, among others. Members of the

Northside Park Community Association would be available to staff the building during these events. It would not be necessary to have a City of Hope employee on site.

Request #3:

The Northside Park Community Association would like to host a family night every Wednesday from 7-9 pm in the Northside Park Community Center. The feeling of the group is that development of the family unit is core to our program ideals. No City staff member will be needed at this event since there will be at least three (3) Northside Park Community Association Board members there at any time.

Request #4:

The Association would like to request that the Northside Park Community Association be allowed to go into partnership with the WIA program to offer tutoring at the Northside Park Community Center Monday-Thursday, 7-9 pm for selected WIA students under the direction of Dee Godwin. Since the center will be closed (except for Family Night activities), the request to renovate the storage room is being withdrawn at this time.

Paul Henley presented the Board with proposed rental rates and staffing recommendations.

After some additional discussion the Board voted on the individual items.

Don Still made a motion to grant request #1, seconded by Don Hall. Steve Montgomery, Don Still, Don Hall and David Johnson voted "Aye." Willie Walker abstained. Motion carried.

Steve Montgomery made a motion to grant request #2, seconded by Don Hall. Steve Montgomery, Don Hall and David Johnson voted "Aye." Don Still vote "Nay." Willie Walker abstained. Motion carried.

Don Still made a motion to grant request #3, seconded by Don Hall. Steve Montgomery, Don Still, Don Hall and David Johnson voted "Aye." Willie Walker abstained. Motion carried.

Request #4 was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Mrs. Cook updated the Board on a few additional items.

The recent storm caused 15 trees to fall on homes in the City. Water & Light is replacing electric lines. The old Gables house burned and required our Fire Department to fight it from 10:00 p.m. until 9 a.m. the next morning. All City crews responded with their normal professionalism and expertise.

Dedication of the Walking Trail at the hospital is scheduled for September 25, 2008.

The Greenwood Street Utility project is in progress.

There have been some questions about the "cameras" attached to the new traffic lights on Main Street. These cameras are simply traffic sensor devices and not intended to catch speeders.

Peaches Holyfield has been promoted to Collection Foreman. Donnie Maurer has returned to the Street/Wastewater Department.

After the storm questions arose about who is responsible for the trees on the right-of-way. Joe Short explained that the trees are the property owner's responsibility and that the City merely holds a roadway easement for any adjacent street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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David Johnson, Vice-Mayor

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Carol Almond, City Clerk

ITEM 4: GOALS MEETING

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Attached is the write up from the 2007 goals meeting as well as an update on the goals listed. If any of you have questions about the goals or would like some information on presenting a suggested goal, please let me know.

Goals--Updated

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Long term, Ongoing #1 Priority	Status
1. Community Pride/Cleanup	Ongoing
2. Wastewater Rehabilitation	Ongoing
3. Airport Improvements	Ongoing
4. Economic Development	Ongoing
5. Recruitment of Minority/Female PD Officer	Ongoing

Shortterm, Ongoing #1 Priority	Status
1. Evidence storage building	In process
2. Phase II Greenwood	In process
3. Affordable Housing	Need to refocus on this one

Goals Identified in 2007 Meeting

1. Street Construction Standards Meeting (1)	Accomplished 11/2007
2. Park Master Plan (2)	2009 or 2010
3. Annexation/utility extension issues (2)	?
4. Leadership Development Program (1)	2009
5. Traffic Light at Shover & Bypass (1)	2009 interim
6. Bypass Turning Lane at Greenwood (2)	2008 AHTD completed
7. Recruitment of Physicians (1)	Ongoing
8. Continued Coliseum Refurbishing	?

After some discussion the Board discussed and ranked ongoing and potential goals for 2008 as follows:

Long term, ongoing goals - Considered #1 in ranking.

1. Community Pride/Cleanup
2. Wastewater Rehabilitation
3. Airport Improvement
4. Economic Development
5. Recruitment of Minority/Female Police Officers

Short term, ongoing goals - Considered #1 in ranking.

1. Evidence storage building for Police
2. Phase II Greenwood Street
3. Affordable Housing

Potential Goals	Rank
1. Street Construction Standards Meeting	1
2. Park Master Plan	2
3. Annexation/Utility Extension Issues	2
4. Leadership Development Program	1
5. Traffic light at Shover and Bypass	1
6. Bypass Turning Lane at Greenwood	2
7. Recruitment of Physicians	1
8. Continued Coliseum refurbishing	2