



City of Roswell

38 Hill Street
Roswell, Georgia 30075

Meeting Minutes Public Safety and Public Works Committee

City Administrator Kay Love
Mayor Jere Wood
Council Member Nancy Diamond
Council Member Rich Dippolito
Council Member Kent Igleheart
Council Member Jerry Orlans
Council Member Betty Price
Council Member Becky Wynn

Monday, March 8, 2010

5:00 PM

Room 220

(Meeting Rescheduled to this date due to the weather on March 2, 2010)

Present: 7 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Nancy Diamond; Council Member Rich Dippolito; Council Member Kent Igleheart; Council Member Jerry Orlans; Council Member Betty Price and Council Member Becky Wynn

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Staff Present: Kay Love – City Administrator; Michael Fischer – Deputy City Administrator; Police Chief Ed Williams; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; David Davidson - City Attorney; Julie Brechbill – Community Relations Manager; Alice Champagne - Water Resources Manager; Yvonne Douglas – Deputy Director of PW/Environmental.; and Marlee Press, Executive Assistant to Council.

Minutes of the February 2, 2010 committee meeting were approved.

Addendum to the Agenda

- *Kay Love requested that two proposed addendum items be added to the agenda. The first item was "Discussion of changing committee meeting times" under Administration. The second item was "Consideration to award a bid to Allan Vigil Ford for the purchase of three F-250 Trucks in the amount of \$83,290" under Public Works.*

Committee approved adding these items to the agenda.

Public Safety

Fire

Monthly Mutual Aid Report

- Chief Spencer presented the Mutual Aid report for surrounding jurisdictions through 2/21/10. Roswell received mutual aid from other jurisdictions 10 times and Roswell gave 15 times.
- The agreement between the Roswell and Sandy Springs Fire Departments is still intact and this will be re-evaluated at the end of March. Chief will come back to committee in April and let committee know how that is going. So far it is working pretty good.

Chief Spencer will update the committee monthly on Mutual Aid.

Police

No Action or Discussion Items

Public Works

Martins Landing Dam restoration project and the GEFA Loan Program

- *This issue was previously discussed at the July 7, 2009 Administration and Finance and Recreation and Parks Committee meeting. The GEFA loan program has been explored as well as potential grant opportunities with no success. When this was discussed last year, Legal looked into the City's ability to assist the Martin's Landing homeowners in obtaining funding to repair their private dam. Specifically, they looked at the possibility of the City obtaining a GEFA loan for the repairs and having the homeowners of Martin's Landing repay such a loan over a 20 year period. It was legal's opinion that such an act by the City would be ultra vires and unconstitutional under long established Georgia law. Legal's opinion was that the city should not pledge our full faith and credit for that item. Staff then begun looking at some other options.*
- *Staff has scheduled a meeting with Safe Dams to discuss the regulatory requirements of Category I dams and administrative orders.*
- *Most recently, there has been discussion of potential legislation sponsored by Representative Wendell Willard regarding the GEFA loan program to mitigate the issue that government agencies cannot lend its credit to a private entity.*
- *Councilmember Wynn said that Commissioner Riley has also been involved in this. Councilmember Wynn would like the consensus of M&CC that staff can go to GMA and ACCG and their legal people and see if there is a bill that can be written in a way to do some type of low interest funding for not just Martins Landing but all the dams around. Councilmember Wynn added that they would like to see if there are other options, other avenues or another type of low cost loan out there also.*

Committee agreed that Councilmember Wynn and staff can go to GMA and ACCG and ask for their assistance with writing legislation regarding the GEFA loan program. Committee also agreed that they can go to Fulton County Commissioner Lynn Riley and Rep. Wendall Willard for their help with this legislation. Councilmember Wynn said that when the draft legislation is done, maybe there can be a Work Session on this issue.

In Favor: 6 - Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orleans; Council Member Price and Council Member Wynn

Flooded properties analysis and of submitting applications for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for federal and state funding

- *Staff is in the process of a comprehensive evaluation of all flood-prone properties in the City. All properties will be evaluated and ranked to assist in the decision making process regarding whether the City wants to participate in a property buyout, and if so, which properties will be pursued. They are using flood data from FEMA, the storm water inventory, covert data and our future floodplain mapping that creates a database that will then get integrated together.*
- *The properties located at 325 Alpine Drive and 335 Alpine Drive have experienced flooding within the structure at least twice within the last 10 years. The homes on these properties both appear to be located within the 100-year floodplain. Staff completed a Residential Substantial Damage Estimate analysis and both properties were found not to be substantially damaged as defined by FEMA. This Residential Substantial Damage Estimate analysis requires going to the properties, taking measurements and fill out a 4 page computerized form. They were not 50% or greater damaged.*
- *Staff added that a hazard mitigation grant may be available from GEMA to buy out properties in the floodplain. Making application to buy out these properties does not obligate the City of Roswell to participate in the buyout, however, submittal of the application is time sensitive. The grant would not cover 100% of the acquisition, so other funding sources such as state funds or other funds (CDBG) could be explored to fund the portion of the buyout cost not covered by the federal grant.*
- *The city cannot pursue other funding opportunities without first submitting the grant application. To submit the application, an elevation certificate is required. The cost of the elevation certificate is \$350 per house. It is also necessary to establish the value of the structures prior to flooding. The homeowners of the properties must agree with the established value of their property. If an independent appraisal is required, the estimated cost per appraisal is \$550.*

Committee agreed that staff can spend some more time on this analysis. Some of the Councilmembers said they would be more comfortable if they knew the scope of what they were looking at long term. They will wait until the staff report is completed regarding the comprehensive evaluation of all the flood-prone properties in the city before moving forward on applying for the Hazard Mitigation grant from GEMA. Staff will bring this report to committee when completed. Staff said the city wide assessment should be completed by June.

Award a bid to Allan Vigil Ford for the purchase of three F-250 Trucks in the amount of \$83,290

- *Five bids were received for the acquisition of three F-250 trucks (2 with bedliner and lift gate) for the Public Works Sanitation Department. The bids received ranged from \$83,290 to \$85,850. Allan Vigil Ford was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$83,290.*
- *Councilmember Dippolito asked if staff looked at the hybrid. Kav Love said there is one hybrid in the fleet and the performance of that vehicle has not been as good as staff had expected regarding miles per gallon so it was not a consideration. Yvonne Douglas added that they needed a truck with more power.*

A motion was made by Council Member Becky Wynn, seconded by Council Member Nancy Diamond, that awarding the bid to Allan Vigil Ford be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 3/15/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orleans; Council Member Price and Council Member Wynn

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.