

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the special council meeting of May 4, 2007 to order at 2:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members Mick Mellett, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Tim Wilson, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present was David Sims. Councilman John Langs was gone on personal business.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss a land purchase.

Mayor Kerby said there is a real estate land purchase agreement for the property located near and contiguous to the city industrial yard (old Wickstrom property). The negotiated price is \$129,500 with the seller to provide the title policy and split the closing costs 50/50. Tim Wilson said there should be no cost to locating the corners and that was understood by the seller. The city has the option of inspecting the property. One of the parties selling the property is a realtor in Washington. There is a provision that the transaction is contingent on the decision of City Council. There is also a condition that the property is free of any clouds on the title. The closing date is on or before May 11, 2007. Tim told council that the check submitted for earnest money is contingent on council approval.

Russ Docherty moved to accept the proposal to purchase the property. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Mike Sloan questioned the size of the parcel. Stephen said it is 2.7 acres. Stephen said he knows where two of the property corners are located adjacent to the Kramer parcel that was purchased previously. David Sims told council that he thought the property had just been surveyed.

Mike Klaus joined the meeting.

Mike Klaus told council that Welch Comer has done control work so the points will be easy to locate.

Mick said without this purchase the expansion cost to the city would be greater if we did not have this property.

Mayor Kerby said the council should be aware that only one of the property owners has signed the agreement and it will not be final until the second party signs. The motion passed – Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett informed Mike Klaus that there is a home being built on Cody Street and it looks funny. Mike is aware of the project and he has spoken to the contractor for Habitat for Humanity and they will comply with the setbacks.

There will be a meeting with the waterline contractor this afternoon and Stephen said there is a huge benefit to the city with the purchase of the property.

Stephen said there may be some issues with the Miller property on this parcel that was just approved for purchase by the city. The issue has to do with a retaining wall. There was a claim filed against the Millers by the Fallquist/Scarce sisters. Stephen said he thinks Fallquist/Scarce sisters had the Millers file a bond for the integrity of the retaining wall.

The waterline tie-in will be less obtrusive if we have the ownership of this parcel.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk