

Special Called Meeting of the  
Mayor and Council  
May 25, 2010

The Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting on May 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building for the sole purpose of talking/acting on flood related issues.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Jim Yates.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Hal Spears, Thomas McCormick, Jennifer Noe, Jeremy Ethridge, Josh Jackson, Greg Edrington, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor said he had a couple of different things to discuss. The first is an ordinance Jennifer drew up for us. The other is budget constraints. We need to figure out what direction we need to go in. Hal Spears is here as he came up with a design for the sewer plant instead of going back with a modular. We will need to decide real quickly.

I will open up with Jennifer.

Ms. Noe said that it had come to our attention that we would have to address the emergency expenditures. FEMA has a cutoff date of May 18<sup>th</sup>, we can use emergency funds until May 18<sup>th</sup> anything after that date we will have to follow our normal charter rules expending funds over 2,500 needs Council approval and after that it would need to be bid. We will need to bid out the sewer plant. In reading the Charter Ms. Noe drew up this ordinance to be in compliance and address emergency situations. Ms. Noe said she put a figure of \$500,000 as we do not know about the insurance payment to meet the deductible that is the figure she is using for emergency funds. This emergency ordinance is to be used to expend funds to re-establish central services. This ordinance will stay in effect for 90 days to comply with our Charter. We need to try to follow our normal procedures. In the last couple of weeks we couldn't do that an example was to get service of water to the citizens. This will be used so we don't have to come to Council for every expenditure until we get reimbursement from TML or FEMA. We will need to address our Charter after this is over and things settle down but to be on the safe side to get the 75% from FEMA we needed this ordinance. This gives the Mayor the authority if we have an emergency and is on an emergency basis for central services then this ordinance covers the expenditure.

Mayor said this will be enough to get our services up and running. If it can be bid out we need to follow the bid process. FEMA will be auditing our records and we need to bid if we can.

Mr. Gill asked if we couldn't just change our Charter. Ms Noe replied you have to get with your State Rep. and it has to go through the legislature.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Nicholson, to approve Ordinance #369 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. Allen asked about the dates in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph after a discussion the end date was changed to May 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Allen asked the Mayor if he had gotten any closer are some figures. The Mayor replied not yet the only one he has at this point is the bldg for sewer plant. Mr. Allen asked about the clean up around the sewer plant. Mayor replied our employees are doing the outside but they did hire someone for inside the building. Mr. Allen asked if this cost can come under the 500,000. The Mayor replied yes, that isn't just for the sewer plant it is for all of it.

Mr. Edrington said there will be project worksheets done for the emergency work. The permanent work will be different with bidding and estimates.

After a discussion on FEMA requirements and TML insurance where Mr. Edrington told the Council that TML would be giving the city 1 million dollars our maximum coverage. Ms. Noe advised we are out of the base flood elevation but need to be cleared by FEMA before TML will let us know what our deductible is. TML will go along with FEMA. Ms. Noe says it looks favorable. Also, Ms. Noe said she believes one of the requirements is that we will have to get flood insurance on these properties. Mr. LaCrosse asked did our insurance pay anything. Ms. Noe replied that's to be seen but she thinks we will get the million dollars.

Ordinance 369 passed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading with a roll call vote of Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

We will have a special called meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> before the workshop to have a public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on this ordinance.

Mayor advised Council Hal has prepared for us a permanent structure at the sewer plant and asked Mr. Spears to explain to Council. Mr. Spears said he had a drawing and all the council had a copy of his packet. There would be a lab, 2 offices, 2 ½ baths, a break room, there would be stairs and a ramp. Mr. Spears said he was asked to raise the building 4 ft above the level it is now. He said doing this will leave about a 9ft clearance that could be used for storage. Mayor said if this was the 1000 year flood we don't want to do this again. It will be putting it back almost like it was. He said it would be block and brick with a metal roof. He said it would be cheaper and last longer than a modular. His price would be \$110,205. If you changed some things you could lower the price like not as high with the block could save you \$3,500 and using vinyl siding could save you 8,000 you get a better building if you use brick but you could save. After some more discussion on the building, Ms. Noe advised this would have to be bid. Also, FEMA would have to approve any changes if it did not match pre-flood, and then if it is an improvement they may only pay 65%. Mr. Edrington said we could go under hazard mitigation. Ms. Noe said we need to make sure we follow procedures so there were no issues with FEMA.

After more discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve putting the sewer plant to bid contingent upon having FEMA's approval for a building and not a modular. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Michael Armstrong approached Council and told them he and Franklin have been doing the damage assessments on the residences as well as commercial and he is requesting on behalf of the residents that the city waive the building permit fee for flood victims. That the county and Nashville are also waiving their fee. This would be strictly for flood damage victims.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to waive the building permit fee for residential flood damage victims. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Armstrong said most of the people are putting back what they had. Some of the people had structure and not content insurance.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

