

November 12, 2010

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Sue Inman, Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Randy Ripplinger, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk  
Public Present: Loch Wade, Don Montoya, Connie Reid

Pledge of allegiance

A discussion was held on the engineering contract for the building renovation. Don distributed to the Council a four-page list of his comments and concerns. He believes the contract is in favor of the engineer and not the client. There is no performance warranty.

Loch asked if there would be another session for input on the design of the building. This meeting has that opportunity as an item on its agenda, but people are not here to give further input. The next opportunity will be after the blueprints are drawn up. (Mike Nelson and Alyssa Thompson came.) One thing that was proposed at the earlier session was a commercial kitchen in which people could prepare goods that they would sell. When we were applying for the grant/loan, that was part of the discussion, and the CIB stated that the scope of the project will not include a commercial kitchen.

Don's list of concerns was read, with each item discussed and noted. His desire is not to delay the project but to raise questions and concerns for the Council to consider. Randy is concerned about the 12-month limit. Bill read a letter from our attorney, Mark McLiff, in which he reminds us that he had studied the contract before the last meeting and reported then that it seems to be a reasonably standard document, and that, with our clarification of the numbers, he has no problem with us signing it. He stated that the company has a good reputation, which we can choose to rely on or not, and that he is not aware of any problems anyone has had with them. Connie reported that they have done three projects with Jones & DeMille and that they have performed above what the contract required without asking any additional compensation.

Gladys asked if we could sign the contract, then send it along with Don's comments to Mark. Don didn't mean his comments to be for legal perusal, just a means to stimulate conversation and consideration. Bill recommended that we approve it pending review by Mark.

Randy made a motion we accept Jones & DeMille's contract, that we sign it tonight and accept it pending the attorney's review. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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We will accept further comment on the building after the blueprints are available.

Three people—Don Montoya, Shelly Ripplinger, and Alyssa Thompson—have committed to taking the EMT course. There are a few others who are interested but who are uncertain. Gladys wondered what happens to the money charged for ambulance runs. Why can't that money pay for the EMT's? The money doesn't go to the County. Maybe it goes to the ambulance fund for maintenance of the program. We need answers to these questions. Randy stated that someone here may set up a private fund for donations, so the Town may not have to come up with very much expense. There may be one other person (John Cordle) who will take the course.

The school has scheduled their Christmas program for December 20. Randy will find a Santa Claus.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk