

Special Work Session Minutes
Dawes Conference Room
113 West Dawes Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma 74008
April 11, 2016 5:00 p.m.

The Special Work Session agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 116 W. Needles Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma on April 8th, 2016, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Easton called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. all members were present.

Members Present

King
Guthrie
Stewart
Decatur
Easton

Staff Present

Jared Cottle, City Manager
Patrick Boulden, City Attorney
Bea Aamodt, Public Works Dir.
Ike Shirley, Police Chief
Charles Barnes, Finance Dir.
Marcae Hilton, City Planner
Jason Mohler, Dev. Service Dir.
Gladys Gill, Deputy City Clerk

Councilor Stewart was present at the second half of the meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Easton said item #1 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

City Manager Jared Cottle stated that he wanted to give council some updated information on the health care and the committee will be meeting later this week. Jared gave council handout from the CareATC Utilization which shows all the visits that we have had over the last 2 years and Fiscal year. Jared continued to explain the handouts to council in detail, this is just for an update for budget proposes, and Council had some question and concern with discussion continuing.

Mayor Easton said item #2 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on the results of the town hall meetings and a potential bond issue.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Jared wanted to discuss the infrastructure workshop results with a summary starting with the police department and ending with the parks department, Jared stated that he tallied the projects with the smaller scores are the highest ranked, and would like some direction from council as moving forward with all the town meetings that have been held, and Jared stated that he will make an official packet to bring back to council by the next meeting with a range of possibilities for somethings that we would like to keep pushing forward. Council decided to have a work session and come back with more discussion for budget purposes.

Discussion item only. No action taken.

Motion to recess this meeting and continue this special meeting in the City Council meeting room at 116 W Needles.

Mayor Easton made motion, seconded by Guthrie. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried 4-0

Yes: Easton, Guthrie, King, Decatur

No: None

Mayor Easton reconvened the Special Work Session at 5:40 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 116 W. Needles.

Mayor Easton said item #3 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Presentation by and discussion with residents of the Stanford Elm addition to the City of Bixby, on storm water erosion within their neighborhood, located between East 111th Street to East 113th Street and South Sheridan Road to Fry Ditch Creek.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Others who spoke: Jacob Biby, Jerry Davis

Jared explained to council for a update that residents from the Stanford Elm explained that they have a serious erosion problem, Jared stated that the west side of the creek is owned by Stanford Elm the other side by Wood Creek and our property is south of the Links which is where we start, Jared showed council the project that the city done on city property, Jared stated that the west side is Stanford Elm and is in a reserve area owned by the Home Owners Association, and what they are asking for is some financial assistances on taking care of the erosion problem within their reserve area. Jared stated that we wrote a letter to Natural Resources Conservation Service to stabilize the eroded streambank of the Fry Creek adjacent to the 111th Street bridge, and they may have funding with no guarantees and would require a 25% match, and I talked to the home owners of Stanford Elm to see if they would kick in 25% and they were not sure about it, Jared stated that we could be a sponsor of this project and they could provide the money to us as a Home Owner Association explaining that we cannot used public funds for private properties, and they would like to speak to council to get your feedback.

Jacob Biby is the representative for the Stanford Elm and Wood Creek residents explained that this is a Stanford Elm problem along with Wood Creek which they are also affected by this problem. Jacob explained that we are basically here representing about 300 hundred home owners that are combined with these two additions who are presently facing a dire straits of what's going on out there by Fry Ditch Creek, these people are losing a massive amount of their yards due to the flooding and erosion . Jacob explained that we had a meeting several months ago at which some of you were at a Home Owners Home with discussion on this problem with erosion. We are here tonight to request City Council to step in on this matter to help the home owners and the citizens of Bixby in the area that are losing large amounts of land and increased danger that is associated by the Fry Ditch Creek. Jacob handed out documents to council for their review of what the erosion damage has

done to several properties. Jacob gives details of the report of ongoing erosion that was submitted by Stanford Elm and Wood Creek Home Owners Associates, and Jacob stated that with the major erosion issues these two HOA's have no major financial ability to take this on, and because of this we are here again asking for your help in this matter and to work with you to come to some type of resolution that might solve these problems facing our home owners.

City Manager Jared Cottle explained that there is more than erosion issues and financial issues, it is private property and we cannot spend public funds on private property which is the biggest hurdle that we have. Jared stated that he wanted to make it clear that we will do our part within statutory limitation. Jared explained that our Public Works Director has met with the soil conservation service which is now Natural Resources Conservation Services they have given us an opportunity to apply for grant funds and we did that on your behalf and it does require a 25% match which we don't know have a guarantee, I signed a letter to them a month ago. We have used their money on for a bridge that was on city right-of-way on city property that was washed out due to a particular flooding issues, and that is one avenue that we are pursuing and still no guarantees. Jared stated that he would not recommend to this council for an unlimited financial liability.

Discussion Ensued pertaining to Item #3 on the Special Work Session agenda.

Jerry Davis Stanford Elm residents stated that we are a private property and yet for health, safety and welfare we have police and fire protection and you are doing somethings on private property and how was the bond money use on the property you bought for Fry Creek? Jared stated that he would research that information. Patrick Boulden City Attorney stated that you can acquire property to become public property for public purpose use.

Mayor Easton asked to recess the Work Session meeting and continue after the Bixby Regular Meeting.

Mayor Easton asked for a motion. Councilor King made motion to recess, seconded by Mayor Easton. The vote was taken with the following results:

Carried 5-0

Yes: King, Easton, Decatur, Guthrie, Stewart

No: None

Mayor Easton reconvened the Work Session meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Discussion Ensued on this matter.

Mayor Easton asked if they had contacted any Congressman or Senator for them for any help, the residents stated that they had and there has not been any responds. Mayor Easton said he would try and contact someone, would like for your homeowners to send letters to their Congressman, and we will get back to you after our Washington D.C. meeting.

Adjournment was called at 7:37 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK