

APRIL 2, 2019

The Monett City Council met in special session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Room at Monett City Hall, 217 Fifth Street, Monett, Missouri. Attendance was as follows: Mike Brownsberger-Mayor, Jerry Dierker-Commissioner, Al Dohmen-Commissioner, Dennis Pyle-City Administrator, Lisa Crawford-City Clerk, Georges Daoud-Police Chief, Russ Balmas-Public Works Superintendent, Kevin Sprenkle-Anderson Engineering, Frank Weatherford-TranSystems, Deanne Winkelmann-TranSystems.

Mayor Brownsberger called the meeting to order.

RESOLUTION NO. 8665: SELECTING AN AIRPORT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MONETT REGIONAL AIRPORT (HFJ) RELATED TO THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND THE AIRPORT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Dennis Pyle recommended tabling this resolution while the selection committee continues to review the engineering firms.

RESOLUTION NO. 8667: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH VAUGHN DIRTWORKS, LLC RELATING TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING GRADING PROJECT

Kevin Sprenkle with Anderson Engineering explained the change order was the addition of 4" of base rock around the Public Works Building, Mechanics Building and the main entrance, at an additional cost of \$29,597.82. Dennis Pyle stated the original contract was \$108,044.90, with the addition of change order #1, would bring the contract cost to, \$137,642.72. There being no further comments, Mayor Brownsberger called for a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dierker to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

WIDENING OF BRIDLE LANE: Discussion was held on the widening of Bridle Lane from US Hwy 60 to County Road. Kevin Sprenkle with Anderson Engineering stated there was an agreement with LACOPA, while not formal, to grant them an additional two entrances off of the outer road at the time of construction. LACOPA already has a foundation in place for an additional "Villa" on the north side of the complex. They are requesting an additional three entrance drives off of Bridle Lane to access the Villa. Mr. Sprenkle stated they did not expect the City to provide storm water detention.

POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT: Discussion was held on Police Officer recruitment. City Administrator, Dennis Pyle stated in the past four years, according to *Governing* magazine, Police Officer applications, have dropped by 63%. He stated with the possibility of incentives, the City would have more to offer new hires and could possibly get some to move inside City limits and into lesser desired locations, such as center City. He stated one of the possible incentives would be to provide a \$200 per month credit on an individual's utility bill. Police Chief, Georges Daoud gave an outline of recruitment statistics and education/training requirements for Police Officers versus those in the Fire, Communications, Utilities and General Labor fields. He stated with the increasing tensions due to events in Ferguson, Chicago and Baltimore, there are less applicants to the Police Academies thus reducing the number of qualified graduates. Chief Daoud also stated, Monett has very high standards for their recruits and it's difficult to find those who can pass not only the State standard requirements, but those set by the Monett Police Department. He stated Monett is currently four Reserve Officers short and looking at losing three and possibly four full time Officers in 2019 due to retirement. He believes an incentive program would boost interest in Officers willing to move inside City limits.

RESOLUTION NO. 8668: SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO MODOT'S COST-SHARE PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL AVENUE

City Administrator, Dennis Pyle introduced Frank Weatherford and Deanne Winkelmann with TranSystems. Discussion was held on options the City has concerning improvements to Central Avenue and the desire to apply for funds through MoDOT's Cost-Share program. There being no further comments, Mayor Brownsberger called for a motion.

Motion was made by Mayor Brownsberger to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dierker made a motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.



Lisa Crawford, City Clerk