

10/26/2023

The Special Joint Meeting of the Stuart City Council and Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Cook and Utility Board Chairman Gulbranson. Present were Council Members Kalbach, Morgan, Doely, and Renslow. Present were Utility Board Members Belden, Jones, Russell, and Avey. Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Utility Superintendent Howey, Deputy Clerk Stouffer, Chip Schultz, Warren Varley, Stephen Martinson, Shane Martinson, Josh Renslow and Matt Funk.

Moved by Renslow, seconded by Morgan to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Financial Advisor Chip Schultz of Northland Securities made a presentation to the Council regarding a Professional Services Agreement with the City of Stuart for a Strategic Financial Planning Project to include Urban Renewal Planning, Automated Traffic Enforcement Planning, Alternative Energy Source Planning, and preparing a Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations for the Council. Schultz also made a presentation to the Utility Board regarding a Professional Services Agreement with the Stuart Municipal Utilities for a Strategic Financial Planning Project to include Alternative Energy Source Planning, Additional Utility Offerings Planning, and preparing a Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations for the Board. Schultz explained the framework of the proposals for joint initiatives, including shared resources to support an Automated Traffic Enforcement Program, with a split of net revenues as follows: 85% to City of Stuart and 15% to Stuart Municipal Utilities.

Moved by Councilmember Renslow, seconded by Kalbach to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Northland Securities and the City of Stuart and the framework proposal for joint initiatives with the Stuart Municipal Utilities including shared resources to support an Automated Traffic Enforcement Program with a split of net revenues as follows: 85% to City of Stuart and 15% to Stuart Municipal Utilities as presented by Chip Schultz, and to authorize Chip Schultz to proceed with contacting Jenoptik regarding automated traffic enforcement cameras on the interstate, and to have city attorney Brick & Gentry draft an ordinance change addressing automated traffic enforcement.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kalbach, Morgan, Renslow
Nays: Doely

Motion carried.

Moved by Board Member Belden, seconded by Jones to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Northland Securities and the Stuart Municipal Utilities and the framework of the proposals for joint initiatives, including shared resources to support an Automated Traffic Enforcement Program, with a split of net revenues as follows: 85% to City of Stuart and 15% to Stuart Municipal Utilities as presented by Chip Schultz.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Board Chairman Gulbranson adjourned the Utility Board at 5:55 p.m.

Councilmember Kalbach requested the Council rescind the motion made October 9, 2023 to allow Guthrie County EMS Director Jotham Arber to continue to develop a proposal and plan for a countywide EMS service that may include the Stuart Rescue and to continue discussions about the proposal, with the understanding that the City is not deciding whether or not to participate at this time. Councilmember Kalbach stated his priority is keeping Rescue services in town and under City control.

Moved by Kalbach, seconded by Renslow **NOT** to proceed with the proposal for countywide EMS services, and to inform the Rescue Director of the Council's decision.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cook made a presentation regarding the plans for improvements to the Sports Complex and Wambold Park. Mayor Cook requested that the \$1043.28 for tree stump removal at Lawbaugh Park be paid from the Parks budget instead of being paid by the allocation of Park Improvements funded the Series 2023A bond. Mayor Cook expressed concern that the funds allocated for the tree stump removal may be needed to complete the Sports Complex Improvements and Wambold Park Project. Councilmember Kalbach proposed that if the Soccer Complex Improvements and Wambold Park Project costs exceed the \$150,000.00 threshold, the Council will consider replacing the \$1043.28 used for tree stump removal at Lawbaugh Park.

Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Stouffer.

Dick Cook, Mayor

John Gulbranson, Utility Board Chairman

Ashraf Ashour, City Administrator