

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 21, 2019
@ 7:00 PM NOTUS CITY HALL

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Mayor, David Porterfield.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilwomen Michelle DeGiorgio and Bonnie Emly, present. Councilman Rick Wallace Jr, present. Also present Mayor, David Porterfield, City Attorney, Todd Lakey, Councilman, Clint Berends; absent.

3. Business

3.1 Annexation, Why and How

City Attorney, Todd Lakey reviewed with Council how HB 25 affects annexation. The only real change is in FORCED annexation. 5 acres or greater with ag exemption (farmed) must have the land owner consent. Land must still be contiguous to annex.

DeGiorgio asked if it's possible to offer a tax exemption for property owner until the land sales or they develop it? (as an incentive to annex)

Attorney stated that he's not sure, will look into it. The Governor signed HB 25 on Feb 14, 2019 and it became effective immediately.

DeGiorgio commented, then this is a waste of time.

Mayor stated that no it is not, we don't want to force annexation anyway. We want to work WITH property owners, not against them. Its better if we all get along. This meeting is about looking at the future of the City and what it will look like.

The City's comprehensive plan (2006) must provide direction for the City's growth and expansion. It needs to be updated.

3.2 Identifying Properties for Future Annexation

DeGiorgio would like to look at the properties across the river. Mayor agrees with the potential improvements that the area could provide. The River does not affect contiguous land requirement.

Mayor would like to look at the School District area as future annexation as well. That area is prime for future development and we need to be able to meet the land (contiguous) requirement. It was suggested that perhaps we could have an agreement with the School District to annex when there is a request from a property owner to annex that is contiguous to the school property.

3.3 Identifying Properties for Future Purchase

No properties were identified for future purchase.

4. Adjournment

DeGiorgio motioned to adjourn at 8:44 pm. Wallace Jr seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Vollmer, City Clerk _____

David Porterfield, Mayor _____