

City of Red Bank
COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION
RED BANK CITY HALL

Minutes
October 07, 2014
12:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and advertised Agenda Work Session on October 07, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information on upcoming business items. Those in attendance were Mayor John Roberts, Vice Mayor Floy Pierce, and Commissioners Rick Causer and Eddie Pierce. Also present were City Manager Randall Smith, Police Chief Tim Christol, Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Public Works Director Tim Thornbury and Finance Director John Alexander.

1. Discussion was postponed to the next work session as Vice Mayor Pierce and Commissioner Causer were unclear as to what was presented in the hand out packet.
2. City Manager Smith explained that the budget amendment for rollover grants was a general budgeting house cleaning item that brings unfinished portions of grants, donations, etc. from the previous year into the current year.
3. City Manager Smith explained the results of the roof bids to replace the City Hall roof and that the low bid was by Trusten Roof, LLC for \$43,474.00.
4. Chief Christol explained this was for (9) in-car mobile data tablets, with mounting and software. The bid winner was Turn Key Mobile for \$38,268.00. The city had budgeted its share of \$5,000, and the remaining costs would be provided through an awarded grant. Commissioner Causer recalled a decision 2 years ago not to approve funding for in-car computers. Mayor Roberts stated it was due to laptops falling out of favor to tablets. Commissioner Causer asked about legacy costs. Chief Christol explained a \$29.00 per car monthly internet access; and the benefits and savings associated with working "in the field" as opposed to returning to City Hall to perform processing work, with compatibility into a Court System for greater speed and accuracy. Commissioner E. Pierce agreed with the perceived benefits.
5. Chief Christol explained this was related to confiscated fire arms in the course of duty. The weapons were awarded to Red Bank to destroy and/or sell or trade to a Federal firearms dealer (GT Distributors). Proceeds from any sales or trade will be used to offset future police equipment or firearms.
6. City Manager Smith explained that the Consent to Assignment and Change of Control is needed due to the merger of Comcast Cable and Charter Communications. This document allows for Midwest Cable to operate within the city under similar guidelines originally provided to Comcast.
7. City Manager Smith stated that the City applied for and was awarded a GHSO grant totaling \$19,998.00 for alcohol violation enforcement. He noted this grant was 100% funded by the grantee.
8. Commissioner E. Pierce stated that he thought it was proper to present for discussion changing our political sign ordinance as he saw that many signs throughout the city by various candidates were larger than currently allowed.
9. City Manager Smith, with assistance from PW Director Thornbury, related issues with vendors due to continual bid requests. Thornbury indicated there was apathy of responses from vendors. Commissioner Causer stated he was against any change as this was the only device to control the "purse strings" of spending. It was pointed out that all purchasing was previously approved by the commission during line by line budget hearings or budget amendments. Mayor Roberts recommended this be passed until the next work session for further consideration.
10. City Manager Smith explained, with the assistance of PW Director Thornbury, that there were no differences between putting 3 or 4 townhomes in a lot and that

changing to 3 units would help developers situate townhomes in certain sized parcels. Vice Mayor Pierce was against seeing additional townhomes in the city. Mayor Roberts remarked that due to demographic changes, many aging citizens were seeking the advantages that townhomes provide.

11. City Manager Smith explained that East Tennessee Natural Gas is conducting work in the North End of Dayton Blvd. and would need temporary parking for their operations.
12. City Manager Smith stated that Talley Construction was the low bidder at \$583,676.97 for the Dayton Blvd paving portion of the Transportation Improvement Grant. He noted that work may be delayed due to obligations related to the Highway 27 TDOT work.
13. City Manager Smith advised that the court fees the City had been charging were not in line with other municipalities, as well as what the State allowed, and that the City's were somewhat outdated. He recommended changes as presented.
14. Vice Mayor Pierce suggested the City look into contracting with Carta for bus service; specifically for the elderly and disabled. Chief Christol mentioned that the affected persons can call "211" to schedule transportation.

Mayor

City Recorder