

City of Red Bank
COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION
RED BANK CITY HALL
Minutes
October 06, 2015
12:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and advertised Agenda Work Session on October 6, 2015 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 Eddie Pierce and Commissioners Rick Causer, Ed LeCompte and Terry Pope. 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. City Manager Smith introduced Will Miller of Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Miller discussed railroad safety enhancements affecting 2 crossings in the City based on studies conducted by TDOT. He is asking the Commission to consider closing the Kildare crossing due to minimal use and to improve the crossing at Memorial. Up to \$300,000.00 in Federal funds is available through TDOT. TDOT may match up to \$25,000.00 and Red Bank can earn up to \$15,000.00 in incentives. Mr. Miller stated The City would need to hold 2 public hearings and once a resolution is passed and the state authorizes the project, the work would be completed within a year.
2. Commissioner Causer opened the discussion by passing out a letter stating his opposition to the Education Fund Grant. He feels it is not a good use of public taxes. Vice Mayor Pierce disagreed and felt it would enhance citizens' lifestyles by making the schools better. Mayor Roberts commented it would show potential citizens that we support our schools. Commissioner Pope stated he finds it to be a good gesture for the kids. Mayor Roberts advised the commission to look over the list of grant applications and rate their respective choice(s) by the October 20th work session.
3. Commissioner Causer opened the discussion by passing out a letter stating his opposition to the Administrative Hearing Officer. Commissioner Pope questioned statements asserted in the letter. City Manager Smith reiterated the experiences of Collegedale and East Ridge municipalities and the success those cities have had with codes compliance.
4. No discussion was presented for the Food Truck Ordinance.
5. No discussion was presented for a budget amendment of a \$1,000.00 donation to the Police Department by the Dallas Bay Baptist Church.
6. No discussion was presented for a \$15,000.00 fully funded GHSO grant to the Police Department.
7. No discussion was presented for a \$1,500.00 TML Safety grant for the Police Department.
8. City Manager Smith noted that there was an addendum on the agenda related to surplus property to be auction off on GovDeals.com. Chief Christol explained the three vehicles listed were confiscations and the State has granted the City permission to auction.

Mayor Roberts inquired about the status of purchasing new police vehicles. Chief Christol indicated that he has put a hold on any new vehicle purchases.
9. City Manager Smith invited Police Department personnel to brief the commission about the Police Department Tactical Team. Chief Christol introduced Detective Shane Dockery. Detective Dockery explained the background and merits of resurrecting the Team. After discussion among the Commission, Mayor Roberts proposed holding off on a decision until next year's budgeting session. Other commissioners indicated that this delay wasn't necessary. Further discussion indicated that City Manager Smith was interested in how the Commission viewed reinstituting the Team.
10. City Manager Smith briefed the Commission on the Street Light Test being conducted by Global Green Lighting and that further testing is pending.
11. City Manager Smith mentioned that High Country Archery desires to hold a large archery competition at the old middle school property.

Mayor

City Recorder