

9-4-12 Work Session

4. Consider American Legion Post No. 99's request to hold Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2012, use the portable stage, ten (10) chairs and the speaker system.

A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. Jeff Rouzie: Presentation on Energy Audit Update by Schneider Electric.

Schneider Electric presented their Midterm Project Overview to the Council for the City's facility upgrade and energy efficiency project and anticipates over 28% reduction in utility costs. They reported the project has a potential for \$2.5 to \$2.7million savings impact over 20 year project life. The annual cost savings are estimated at \$95,000. The estimated project value is \$1.7 to \$2.0 million. There are low-interest funding opportunities at local banks of 2-3% interest. The project would involve opportunities for lighting replacements, mechanical renovations, an energy management system, renewable energy sources, rainwater harvesting, and a voice over IP phone system. The project would be a turn-key job. The next step involves continuing to analyze opportunities and to put together the most attractive approach to project funding. Carried over.

6. Janet Ripp and Jody Young: Discuss Coastal Wildlife Rescue Center.

Ms. Ripp presented a "Business Plan" to the Council and reported that their recent "Ole River Folk & Blues Festival" grossed \$7,285 in revenue and a cost of \$4,341, leaving a net income of \$2,944. Ms. Ripp reported that US Fish and Wildlife will be visiting on the 10th of October and they hope to have the fencing done and their permits in place. There was discussion regarding the vendor who was not paid for the grinder pump and Ms. Ripp commented she had asked the vendor to come and get the grinder pump if he wanted it, but he had not done that. The Council asked how Ms. Ripp was going to be able to operate without a grinder pump if the vendor came and picked it up. Ms. Ripp believes the vendor will not pick the pump up, so she wasn't concerned about that. Council voiced concern that there was no plan in place for a grinder pump if the vendor did decide to pick it up. Also there was some confusion as to whether or not the system was hooked up and Ms. Ripp noted that they were not working with contaminated water. Council voiced an opinion of the facility not having restroom facilities available if the system was not hooked up. There needs to be a permanent functioning system in place. Councilman Trawick suggested the Council take time to review the business plan since they were just now receiving it with no time to read it. Mayor Koniar instructed Ms. Ripp to email Vickey Southern if any activity takes place with regard to the pump. He instructed Ms. Ripp that she should work out a settlement with the grinder pump vendor as well. Council requested this item be brought back at the September 17th meeting. Carried over.

7. Consider Petition for Annexation from Curtis J. Rogers and Pamela S. Rogers. (If approved, move to Council Agenda for a First Reading.)