

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
MARCH 4, 2005
TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus and Glenn Tebbe. Mike Riley was absent.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

John Groan of Energy Systems Group gave a presentation on Strategic Energy Master Planning being Utilities, Projects, Programs and Financial Services. Mr. Groan stated that his company would evaluate the Billings School and any other buildings the City owns and they would work with local people first. His company would work with Steve Barth on Billings School.

Glenn Tebbe questioned that something like this has been done in the past. Glenn felt that this might be a good thing to pursue but feels the department heads need to sit down with the Mayor to determine the scope and nature of the study and then get back to Mr. Groan. He also believes that this could be timely given the remodeling of Billings into a city office building.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief would be interested in them coming in especially on the lighting and exhaust.

Jeff Smith, Wastewater Superintendent has a lot of motors and questioned the guarantee on savings.

Bill Meyerrose, Police Chief did not feel that his department needed this with them having a new building.

Rick Denney, Water Superintendent told that the water plant is sixty years old and the City is going to have to look at building a new plant down the road.

Mayor Manus ask Mr. Groan if he would come back on Monday evening to the Council meeting and Mr. Groan stated he would be glad to come.

Steve Barth stated they have entered into an agreement on the DSI Project and that it will be the first of April before the contractor can get started. They are still waiting on the land transfer.

City Attorney, Steve Taylor has looked at the papers on the land transfer and is not sure DSI would want to accept all the restrictions that have been added in.

Mayor Manus had a copy of the agreement on the Billings School. Steve Barth has met with the Department heads on what they would like and stated that he will work on an hourly base not to exceed \$15,000.

Mr. Barth stated that he would be watching over the whole process and inspect what would be going on.

Steve Taylor had a liability insurance question.

Steve Barth told the owner would need to contact their Insurance Company.

City Attorney, Steve Taylor has no problem with the Mayor and Steve Barth signing the agreement.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Frank Manus. So passed.

Mayor Manus ask Steve Barth to look at the roof and see if it would be possible to put a gable roof on.

Steve Barth cautioned that to put a gable roof on would put the weight on the outside of the structure. He also noted that the existing building has a tunnel with all the pipes and lighting ran through. Due to changes in code we may need to add ductwork to some of this.

Glenn Tebbe told Steve Barth that the Council is interested in being kept informed of mainly the big plans of what is going on or what needs to be done.

City Attorney, Steve Taylor talked about the small business loans to individuals that have defaulted and the inability of the city to collect these loans. Since the individuals have filed bankruptcy, the City has no legal right to proceed against these loans and the people involved. The City would be in violation with the law to pursue repayment at this time.

Bill Meyerrose, Police Chief asks for permission to spend approximately \$1163 for a paper shredded for the department.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Frank Manus to approve said purchase. So passed.

Steve Taylor told that on March 1st papers were signed for Billings School and a deposit of \$1000 was made. He took all the paperwork over to Attorney Bill Robbins and told him to go ahead with the closing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

