

**1. Call To Order**

The special meeting of the Biggs City Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Crawford and Councilor's Arnold, Bottorff and Thompson were present. Staff present: City Administrator Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Finance Director Beth Penner and City Clerk Roben Dewsnup.

**2. SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: None.**

**3. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

Informational/Discussion: City Administrator Pete Carr gave a power point presentation and a brief overview of the City's history, current status, challenges and opportunities, especially as related to economic development. Council considered objectives and strategies for one-year and five-year planning.

Mayor Frith suggested adding emergency power capabilities to all lift stations as a 2010 objective.

Pete said the 10,000 gallon hydro-pneumatic tank should be added to the 2010 priority projects.

A concept plan for the use of the old jail could be created this year.

Councilor Thompson asked about the tennis courts and Pete said the city received a recycling grant that would pay for a portion of the cost. Pete had asked SunWest if they would like to partner with the city to refurbish the tennis courts; awaiting a response.

Vice Mayor Crawford noted the Sixth Street Bridge has been left off of the list as well as updating the city ordinances and codes. Pete said code updates were part of the five year plan. Vice Mayor Crawford felt an analysis of the obligated verses unobligated funds should be a top priority. He felt balancing the budget and building a reserve should be part of the one year plan.

Mayor Frith suggested placing this plan on the website for citizens to view and make suggestions.

**4. POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT:**

Discussion/Action: Pete reviewed the chronology of the Biggs Police contract.

The current options were Gridley Police Department or the Sheriff Department. Pete had not received a response from the CHP.

Mayor Frith said council had discussed the implementation of a Community Services Officer (CSO). However, Gridley Police Department did not have an interest in using a CSO in the next two years. Pete said we could incorporate into the contract exploring the use of CSOs.

Mayor Frith asked for audience response to the Sheriff Department's service in the past.

Lloyd Andes said it was very poor service. They did not respond.

Mel McLaughlin said the Sheriff Department was slow to respond.

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Mary Frith heard from patrons at her restaurant that Gridley Police Department was also slow to respond.

Mel said the Gridley Police show up for football and other games.

Mary asked if the Gridley PD could be penalized for not responding.

Pete said a CSO would cost about \$70,000 a year with an \$18,000 startup cost.

Vice Mayor Crawford suggested the contract with Gridley have a "not to exceed" clause built into it. He said if we chose the Sheriff Department, we would need to employ a CSO.

Councilor Bottorff favored the Gridley PD even though it would cost more.

Councilor Thompson also favored Gridley PD.

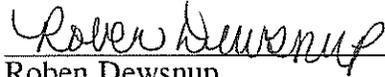
Councilor Arnold would only vote for the Sheriff Department if Biggs could not afford Gridley PD.

Vice Mayor Crawford was also in favor of Gridley PD.

Motion/Second to direct the city administrator to enter into a negotiation with the Gridley Police Department to try and incorporate as many of these items into the proposal from Gridley as possible and bring back whatever you can for approval. (Frith/Thompson, MCU)

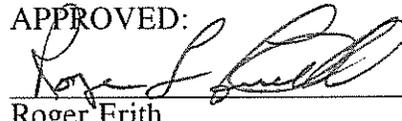
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Special meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup  
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Roger Frith  
Mayor, City of Biggs