

**1. Call To Order:**

The special meeting of the Biggs City Council was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Councilors Bottorff and Sheppard were present. Vice Mayor Thompson arrived at 4:48 and Councilor Arnold was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Pete Carr and City Planner Scott Friend.

**2. CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION: *City of Biggs General Plan Update - Workshop***

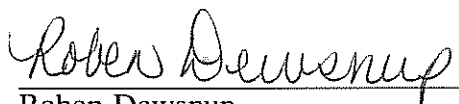
City Planner Scott Friend introduced the objectives and format for the study session. Four draft elements were presented for review and consideration, augmented by a Powerpoint presentation. Mayor Frith acknowledged that much of the content is State-mandated and might otherwise not be included. Mr. Friend pointed out the city role versus that of other agencies and cautioned council on use of "We will...." statements.

- A. Conservation Element. This was retitled to "Conservation, Open Space and Recreation." The Westside development description will be rewritten to include Belding Canal/Lateral K, not be limited by this waterway. Discussed ag setbacks, agreed on 100 foot minimum for Biggs. Also agreed to 5 acres minimum for parks.
- B. Noise Element. It was decided to add SR99 considerations in as much as city intends to expand there. City prefers vegetative berms over cinder block walls.
- C. Public Health and Safety Element. Mr. Friend acknowledged the need to add language about local emergency plans, and update text about local flooding - or lack thereof. Mr. Frith suggested we include explanations of why the mandated hazard assessments are unique here. Note Policy 5-4.1 (Fire Staffing) State standards do not apply here. Chief Brown advised use of "Pursue..." rather than "Biggs will..."
- D. Community Enhancement Element. Mr. Friend suggests relocating recreation from this to Conservation Element. Element encourages grid layout as premise for city development.

Mr. Friend reviewed status of General Plan Update project process and encouraged council to continue the project to conclusion.

**3. ADJOURNMENT:** Special meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Roben Dewsnap  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
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Roger L. Frith  
MAYOR, CITY OF BIGGS