

**MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order. Council members present were Mayor Jeremy Riddle and Councilors Paul Whitcomb, Dick Dobson, and Victoria Hallin. Councilor Lee Steinbrecher was absent. Staff present was Mark Karnowski, Steve Jackson, Jay Blake, Jim Roxbury, and Ann Bien.

WAC AND SAC POLICY

Karnowski explained that as city developer fees increase, so does the need for developing a policy on how to charge and apply the various fees and deal with unique situations relating to their usage. Examples included the day care facility in Rivertown Crossing and SAC and WAC fees for the School District's temporary classrooms. He stated that although there is a concern in tracking the uses and WAC and SAC payments, there is a need to justify the charges and/or credits. Blake added allowing credits allows flexibility in multi-tenant uses and changing the use of a building.

Riddle stated he was also concerned with tracking and suggested certificates of credit. Blake said he would be concerned with transferring credits from parcel to parcel, but not as concerned within one building. Hallin stated she was also concerned with transferring credit from one property to another.

Karnowski suggested interest should be charged if allowing a payment schedule since this could be considered a business subsidy.

Dobson asked if the credit would be dollar amount or unit amount. Karnowski stated it was unit amount. He also recommended extra credits stay with the building.

The Council's final agreement is that units stay with the building and cannot be transferred to another building. Deals will only be made with properties hooked up at that time.

Karnowski added the policy can be modified if needed in the future

Riddle asked if the City has to do any work with school's portable classrooms. Karnowski stated he did not think so, that was work done by the school and paid for by the district. Jackson added we may have to do inspections and suggested a minimal transfer fee. Jackson would also like the City to discourage payment plans because of the additional work and the chance of slipping through the cracks.

The Policy will include a payment schedule, interest payment, and business subsidy application.

DISCUSSION OF 2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET/LEVY

Jackson reported the Senior van has been damaged and repairs will cost approximately \$250. He stated he authorized the repair and asked the Council if they want the Princeton Senior Diners to reimburse the City. Jackson will also check with Princeton Insurance to see if the vehicle can have liability coverage only, although he thought it was a package deal.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO PAY THE REPAIRS TO THE SENIOR VAN.

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Jackson reviewed the proposed 2008 preliminary budget/levy. He stated there is only an increase of only 6.97%, partly because of the decrease in bond indebtedness. Karnowski explained the preliminary levy has to be submitted to state by the 15th. He suggested the Council plan for worst and hope for best and recommended the lower LGA amount be used for calculations since it will take a special legislative session to increase the LGA amount.

Jackson reviewed the summary, stating the general inflationary increase of 4% could be low. He also stated a market salary survey may be done and the medical insurance increase is expected to be about 18%,

Roxbury reported the Fire Board recommended small increases in the budget be made every year, rather than one large increase every few years. He stated the increase use is not specified. Jackson explained if any money is not used, it goes into a reserve account.

Riddle suggested checking to see if attorney fees for the "thru the fence" issue can get reimbursed.

Jackson stated he preferred to leave the liquor store transfer alone and eliminate it again for 2008.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT THIS IS A GOOD STARTING POINT.

Public safety building update

Karnowski reported the City has been asked to make a presentation to the Senate Capital Investment Committee regarding the City's proposed public safety building.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO HAVE STAFF MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED.

There being no further business, DOBSON MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:10 P.M. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Bien
Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor