

January 15, 2015

A work study session was called to order by Mayor Weishaar at 5:00P.M. at the Chapman City Office. Council members present were Luan Sparks, Jeff Blixt, Tim Jury and Jim Murrison. Lee Wolf was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Austin St. John and City Clerk Erin Tilton.

The purpose of the work study was to review the proposals from the engineers that were received from the request for proposals that St. John sent out for city engineers at the request of the council. Proposals were received from Earles Engineering, Olsson and Associates, BG Consultants, SMH Consultants, Kaw Valley Engineering, Schwab Eaton and Wilson and Company.

An additional topic item from the council meeting held on January 13, 2015 was added to discuss the liability of a civilian vehicle vs. a police vehicle and the liability that the city faces by putting police officers in civilian models.

St. John started the meeting by stating that he wants to work with the council, not fight with them. Research and experience is what the staff gives to the council. That doesn't mean the council has to agree with everything brought to them but with the information given, after discussion he, as well as staff members, need directions to move forward if it's a recommendation that they don't approve. Chief Halfhill could not attend the work study session. St. John passed out information on used vehicles for the council to review at a later date. Sparks also stated that she did research on the Kansas Highway Patrol and found that due to budgeting they hold on to vehicles longer. In return these have more miles and hours on them when they do become available. Murrison stated that he voted against it because of the kickback they might get from the community like what was received when the new truck was bought. An additional meeting will be set at a later time for discussion on the information handed out if needed.

St. John then moved on to reviewing the proposals received. He began by asking the council to notate what they felt they wanted to see in a city engineer. Some of the criteria listed were experience and knowledge in sewer and wastewater, electric knowledge, road repair and maintenance, accessibility, knowledge of Chapman, fresh ideas and cost effective.

The council then each voted on the top three they would like to interview. BG Consultants, Kaw Valley and Wilson and Company were the top three. St. John would work to set up interviews with them the following week in front of the council.

Meeting was adjourned.