
The Mandan City Commission met in special working session at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2011 at the Lakewood Fire Station No. 2, 2009 40th Ave. SE, Conference Room. Commissioners present were Helbling, Tibke, Jackson, Frank, and Rohr. Department Heads present were City Attorney Brown, Engineering Project Manager Bechtel, City Administrator Neubauer, and Finance Director Welch. Citizen present was LeAnn Eckroth from the Bismarck Tribune.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion:

1. *Funding alternatives for special assessment projects and debt management.*

Discussion was held related to strategies to manage the debt load of the City of Mandan. Greg Welch informed the Commission that roughly 78% of the city's debt is scheduled to be paid off over the next 10 years and 94% within 15 years. Alternatives discussed include, mirroring the city of Bismarck's special assessment policy, shortening the time period from the standard 15 years to 12, 10 or 8 years, setting a maximum amount of debt the City would assume, and having developers assume more of the cost of new projects rather than having the city special assess the costs.

Commissioner Frank moved to recess for supper at 6:22 p.m. Commissioner Tibke seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval of the Board members present and the meeting was recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

Discussion also occurred relative to projects that would require financing such as reconstruction of Sunset Drive, street maintenance in the Diane's addition and but not limited to repairs to the waste water treatment plant. Over the past 10-15 years the city has tackled several project that had been put off for many years, such as the reconstruction of Main Street, First Street, Old Red Trail, Collins Avenue, Mandan Avenue and numerous projects related to water plant infrastructure.

Commissioners suggested the alternatives be narrowed down for consideration and those alternatives would allow continued growth and at the same time retire debt.

There being no further actions to come before the Board, Commissioner Frank moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval of the Board members present and the meeting adjourned.

/s/ James Neubauer

James Neubauer,
City Administrator

/s/ Timothy A. Helbling

Timothy A. Helbling,
President, Board of City
Commissioners