

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 5:33 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhauer –yea  
Tim Stoeckl-yea  
April Milne – yea  
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk  
Paul Rost, City Attorney  
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant

**2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed briefly what is involved in the Budget process. He stated that municipalities are required by law to prepare a budget which includes numbers from the current year, the previous year and the upcoming year.

Mr. Blume stated that the forecast for sales tax revenue in 2021 is down from 2020. Mr. Blume feels that a decrease in retail sales for 2020 and the economic impact of an unsettled economy will have an impact on these revenues. Due to the state of the economy Mr. Blume predicted that the amount of tax collected in 2021 will decrease. He would recommend a conservative budget for 2021.

Alderman Whitmore feels the City will see an increase in revenue once the old Shop n Save is occupied. He also asked when the 2020 Census will be calculated and the City may see a change due to the increase in population with the apartments in Big Bend Square. Mr. Blume stated that it will be sometime within the first six months of 2022.

Mayor Fortune feels that since the City did not lose any revenue from Shop n Save, once the building is occupied it will be a windfall.

Mr. Blume explained how he calculates the increase in expenses for the upcoming year.

The Board then began discussion of proposed capital projects and the dollar amount to be budgeted.

The Board agreed to have \$10,000.00 spent from the 2020 budget and to budget an additional \$40,000.00 for 2021 for the repairs of the Autumn Leaf runoff.

City Clerk Johnson asked the Board about the Boly entrance project and if they would like to include this in the 2021 budget. Mayor Fortune stated that Boly entrance would be a second priority to the Crescent Avenue sidewalks at this time.

John Williams, Public Works, received a bid from Davey Tree Experts for the Crescent Road landscaping in the amount of \$22,000.00. City Clerk Johnson stated that due to the amount proposed for the project the City will need to go out to bid.

Alderman Milne asked if it is possible to combine the Crescent Road project and the Golden Oak circle landscaping. City Clerk Johnson stated that Mr. Williams will be doing the landscaping on Golden Oak.

Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to budget \$20,000.00 for 2021 for the Crescent Road landscaping.

The Board discussed the resurfacing of the multi-purpose court in the Park. City Clerk Johnson stated that Mr. Williams feels that this was not a priority for 2021. The Board agreed to move this project to 2022.

City Clerk Johnson stated he would like to add an expenditure for 2021. Mr. Williams has said that the Gator vehicle, which is used in the Park, needs to be replaced. The cost for a new vehicle is approximately \$8,000.00. Discussion ensued. Alderman Eisenhower feels it would make sense to purchase the new vehicle this year. The Board was in agreement.

City Clerk Johnson said that Mr. Williams has voiced a concern regarding the creek bed in the "north woods" area of the park. Due to the design and the size of rocks used to construct the bed, during a rain, the force of the water pushes rocks and dirt into the lake. This can potentially cause problems for the new pump and is forcing more sediment into the lake. Mr. Williams estimated the cost of the repair at approximately \$10,000.00. Discussion ensued. Alderman Milne stated that if possible and it can be done this year she would like to see this done. The Board was in agreement.

City Clerk Johnson stated that Mr. Williams has a solution for the Crescent Triangle to provide some type of safe walking surface in this area. He estimated he will be able to do this project for approximately \$1,500.00. The Board was in agreement to add this to the 2021 budget.

Alderman Milne inquired if the Park Committee was still in favor of removing and possibly relocating the sand volleyball court. Cindy Slama, Park Chairman, stated that

the two issues with the volleyball court was the sand which would end up in the drinking fountain and also was being brought to the playground and was possibly damaging the surface.

Mayor Fortune feels that the volleyball court is a popular item and is used often. He feels that the cost of relocating the court to another location in the Park would be expensive. Discussion ensued. The Board asked if Mr. Williams could investigate a possible solution for keeping the sand off the playground surface.

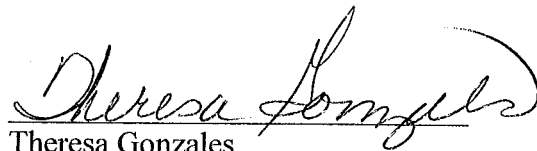
Alderman Eisenhower asked for clarification on the \$1,200.00 for irrigation. City Clerk Johnson stated it was for the irrigation in the Rose Garden.

Alderman Whitmore asked about the Park Lease which is paid to the Church on a yearly basis in the amount of \$100.00. This was not included in the 2021 budget. City Clerk Johnson stated he will investigate where we are with this payment and make this correction.

### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Eisenhower motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

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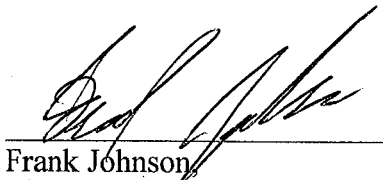


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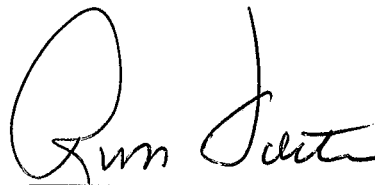
Date of Approval:

11-4-2020

ATTEST:



Frank Johnson,  
City Clerk



Russ Fortune,  
Mayor, Board of Aldermen