



KNIGHTDALE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

April 7, 2008

The Knightdale Town Council met at 6:00 p.m. at Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

PRESENT: Mayor Russell Killen; Mayor Pro Tem Mike Chalk; Councilors Jeff Eddins, Terry Gleason, Tim Poirier, and James Roberson.

ABSENT: No one.

Staff Members Present: Clyde Holt, III, Town Attorney; Gary McConkey, Town Manager; Seth Lawless, Assistant Town Manager; Suzanne Yeatts, Town Clerk; Ricky Pope, Police Chief; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Ren Wiles, Finance Director.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Killen at 6:12 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless gave an overview of the proposed design of the second fire station and summarized the bid tabulation results. Mr. Lawless recommended accepting three alternates and awarding the bid to Macallan Construction for a total project cost of \$1,768,452.

Finance Director Ren Wiles reported on the budget draft and noted his estimate of a \$.40 tax rate required to fund debt service, staff, equipment, and operation of a new station. Mr. Wiles also noted his budget proposal includes paying off existing debt with the proceeds from the sale of a fixed asset.

Discussion of estimated staffing projections and four alternates in the bid specifications.

Ola Ferm, Williard Ferm Architects, PA, answered questions regarding the building design and noted negotiations with the contractor would be possible after the bid is awarded.

Discussion of simplifying design and value engineering to reduce cost or postponing the project.

Fire Chief Guffey commented on the issue of timing in relation to proposed development and also mentioned using part-time firefighters to staff the station until additional employees can be funded.

Discussion of options if project postponed, including contracting with Eastern Wake Fire Department or constructing a less expensive building.

Town Manager Gary McConkey commented it is better to have the station and equipment than staffing up front.

Discussion of past and future interest rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Chalk asked what the total cost would be with the building as originally designed and fully staffed.

Mayor Killen and Finance Director Wiles responded approximately \$200,000 additional per year which would equate to an additional \$.02 tax increase.

Discussion of utilizing fund balance rather than increasing the tax rate to fund the project.

Council agreed the Budget and Public Safety Committees would explore the options and Council would make a decision on the project at the April 16, 2008 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor Russell B. Killen



Town Clerk Suzanne M. Yeatts