

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Work Session
May 1, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Patrick McGrady
Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck
Councilman Goodin
Councilman Melvin Taylor

Absent: Councilman Lindecamp

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Monica Correll, City Clerk

The Work Session began 5:41 p.m. in the second floor administrative conference room. The Mayor updated the Council on a possible proposal for 102 North Rogers Street.

The Council discussed the following capital funds projects: the waste water treatment plant, the west side water tank, existing infrastructure, and Middleton Road. Health insurance increases would need to be considered after more information was available. Workers' Compensation costs decreased.

Mr. Torster and Mr. Robertson explained the west side water tank process: the design, permits, commercial/residential users, maintenance, infrastructure requirements, time constraints, costs, and future growth. The purchase of water from another source was being considered.

Mr. Jack asked the Council for their guidance on the property tax rate, the water/sewer rate, and the date to produce the budget. Mr. Jack provided budget submission information and information about the constant yield tax rate. Council discussion followed and they instructed Mr. Jack use the tax rate not in excess of the constant yield tax rate and to release the budget on Monday, May 8, 2017.

The Mayor and Council reaffirmed their policy that the staff submit meeting agenda topics and backup to the Clerk by a deadline of Thursday at noon in order to have the agenda packet ready for the Council by Friday and released timely to the public.

The City Manager reported on SMG, a property management company, findings to the Council. Mr. Torster briefed the Council on the status of the bus pads: contractor bids, available grant funds, and other relative expenses.

The Council discussed setting a date to discuss their vision and goals and the status of the construction on U.S. Rte. 22. Members from State Highway Administration would attend a Council Meeting. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.