

**MINUTES
CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019, 7:30 A.M.
JENKS CITY HALL, WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, 211 NORTH ELM**

The Agenda for the Capital Projects Committee was posted in City Hall and on the City's website at 4:32 p.m. on August 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on the above date with Mayor Robert Lee presiding. A roll call vote of members was taken as follows:

Josh Wedman	Absent (arrived at 7:43 a.m.)
Gary Isbell	Present
Robert Lee	Present

City Manager Chris Shrout, City Engineer Robert Carr, Staff Engineer Chris Robinson, Staff Engineer Kaci Hockett, Finance Director Robert Saucedo, and City Clerk Brittany Long were also in attendance.

Request to approve minutes of August 13, 2019. Gary Isbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Lee seconded the motion.

Business

1. Discuss potential capital projects and available funding sources.

City Manager Chris Shrout stated that he believes one project that everyone agrees on is the \$13 million for widening Elm Street. No additional questions were asked.

The next project that was discussed was moving the fire station from the current location to Central Park across the street for a cost of around \$3 million. This will allow the emergency vehicles easier access to Elm Street through the preexisting signal light. The current location will then be demolished and turned into a parking lot and green area. Our Bond Counsel already has the information needed to compile the ballot language.

Another project was the proposed community center and/or senior center. There was discussion held regarding if it would be open to the community as a community center or limited to seniors that are 55 or older. It was expressed that a community room would be best with the understanding that the seniors would have the largest presence. It was stated that \$2.5 million for a senior center is a lot but it could be plausible as a community center. A viable location would be four lots near City Hall, which could hold the 10,000 to 12,000 square foot building, if it was two story. Another suggestion that has been heard is to put it at Central Park near the proposed location for the fire station. There is a safety concern with that location due to the public having access to emergency vehicles. Concerns had been raised that the previously proposed 4,000 square foot building would not be large enough to house everything the seniors would like to have. Currently there are 170 users of the community room at City Hall, with some of the users not being from Jenks. General consensus is that the room should be a multi-purpose facility open to other individuals, not limited to strictly those 55 and over.

A new animal control facility was also discussed, and the presented options included retrofitting the current facility and building a new one for around \$1 million. The price for both options is similar due to the state of the current facility. It was proposed that the new

location be near the South Fire Station on the west portion of that piece of property. It has been made known that the public would like a facility that is open to the public and has easier access for adoptions. The only concern with this location is the residential area nearby. If it is decided to build there, the property will need to go through the process to obtain a Specific Use Permit (SUP).

Park West upgrades was the next topic of discussion for around \$1 million. It is proposed to install artificial turf to the field and triple stripe it for football, soccer, and lacrosse to make the field useful year-round. Currently the Jenks Trojans Athletics (JTA) manages the fields through an expired agreement that can be renegotiated. The JTA rents out the practice fields to the south to lacrosse, but the lacrosse teams have to go to Broken Arrow to play any games. Having this field available would be an economic driver to Jenks because leagues throughout the Tulsa area could utilize the fields for games or tournaments. The idea to use the most southern practice field as a location for a community center was raised due to it being in a location near other community events and could be utilized by the participants already at the fields. The possibility of placing the animal shelter there was also brought up due to it having easy access and citizens already around that area. If either facility is built there, it will require water lines, a sewer lift station, and building it up due to the floodplain. This idea will be looked at in more detail.

If all projects go on the G.O. Bond issue, it will total around \$20 million, which would impact the citizens of Jenks around \$6.00 a month on their property taxes.

2. Recommend specific capital projects and funding to the full City Council and the Jenks Public Works Authority for consideration.

No action taken. Will discuss again at the next meeting held on August 28, 2019.

Adjournment. Gary Isbell made a motion to adjourn. Josh Wedman seconded the motion. Robert Lee agreed.

The Capital Projects Committee adjourned at 9:05 a.m.



Robert Lee, **CHAIRMAN**