

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
July 10, 2023
9:00 AM
City Hall**



CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:
Leah Juarez
Council President:
Sara McCarthy
Council Members:
Cherie Butcher
Brad Neumiller
Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor opened the work session at 9:00am.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Community Development Director

Fire Hydrant Replacement Bid

Amend Resolution 2023-15 the verbiage

Books

Park Naming Votes

Community Development Director:

The City Engineer was here to explain the bid opening for the Fire Hydrant Replacement grant. Two years ago when we were thinking about them the price was much lower. Now the price is high and the \$500,000 is not enough to cover all the replacements. The price is double. 71 Construction is over by a million. Some of the other bids that came in are not even close and we had to get rid of some because they did not meet the specs. We have a couple of options. We can reject all bids and rebid the project with some changes. We can also go to 71 and see if will work with us and do it in steps. We cans still use the \$500,00 grant and add 100,000 of the City's money. We can award the bid to 71 and reduce the scope of the job. We need to see if they would be interested in doing that. The Mayor stated that Lower Mills really needs to be done so maybe we can use Federal grants for that and use the other for upper Mills. The City Administrator stated that we have a lot of inadequate hydrants in upper Mills that we can have 71 fix in their restructure of the project. The City Engineer will talk to 71 and see what they can do for us.

Next, the resolution that was passed last meeting the verbiage needs to be amended We originally had that we would give back 35% to the but WBC says change 20 25%. They would like us to keep our money. That would keep more money in the City for other needs.

Next, is the art books that have been sitting in front of the library, the new school would like to have them in front of their school this fall. We would be just loaning them to them. We could do something like a lifetime lease.

The naming of the Robertson Hills new park is under way. There is a list of names are on our website and you can scan the link to pick the name of the park that you think it should be. The voting will be open till Aug 4th.

2. Mayor:

Mayor:

Mayor stated that Summer Fest went well. She was wondering if it would be better to buy our own inflatables and cut down on the cost that way. Next, the Mayor stated that she would like to bring ambulance billing back in house. She has a person that would be great at that. I would like to have an RFP go out for the collection part of it. The City Treasurer will meet with Evansville and see how all this works and will get with the Fire Chief. We would pay a person the same that we pay EMS Billing but get our money faster. The Community Development Director talked about project smile lease. She talked about how we can save money and still make some money. The project will cost about 20 million with 5 million being a loan and 15 million in grants. This is all if everything works out. The business that is committed in this project will pay less in interest and loan amount. We would have to pay 25% back to SLIB. The Mayor would like to see the money that we get off this project to be put in an investment account for additional projects down the road.

Mr Hubbard has some questions about the corner lost and will be here tomorrow night.

The City Attorney stated that he will send in the MOU with Bird Scooters and see if we can get them to get a license through us.

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Mayor ended the meeting at 10:06am.

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City Clerk, Christine Trumbull

