

Special Work Session Minutes
Dawes Conference Room
113 West Dawes Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma 74008
August 14, 2017, at 5:00 P.M.

The Special Work Session agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Bixby was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 116 W. Needles Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma on August 11th, 2017, on or before 5:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. City Clerk Yvonne Adams called the roll and all members were present except Mayor Easton.

Members Present

Blair
Decatur
Stewart
Guthrie

Staff Present

Jared Cottle, City Manager
Marcae Hilton, City Planner
Andy Choate, Police Chief Assist.
Tammy Ewing, City Attorney
Charles Barnes, Finance
Jason Mohler, Dev. Service Dir.
Patrick Boulden, City Attorney
Yvonne Adams, City Clerk

Vice Mayor Guthrie said item #1 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on the prospect of designated the City of Bixby as a "Purple Heart City".

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Other that spoke: Mitch Reed, Oklahoma Chapter of Purple Heart

City Manager Jared Cottle stated that Broken Arrow recently became a Purple Heart City he wanted him to make a presentation to council and what is required from us as a community and I would like for Mitch Reed from the Oklahoma Chapter of Purple Heart to explain how to become a Purple Heart City and what it means to be a Purple Heart City.

Mitch explained to council that that basically what a Purple Heart City is all about is a City that gives respect to veterans and veterans' causes. Mitch explained that Purple Heart has been given the rights in certain states to do this, Mitch stated that we are trying to make it revenue neutral as much as possible, you would give us a proclamation and we would give you a plaque in return. Mitch stated that our main goal is JR. ROTC, and food baskets for other veterans that are struggling at Christmas time that have families. Mitch stated that we are a group that represents veterans concerns and their causes.

Discussion continued on this item.

No action taken.

Vice Mayor Guthrie said item #2 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on the creation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts within the City of Bixby.

Presented by: Jared Cottle

Others that spoke: Steve Oakley

City Manager Jared Cottle stated that I have Steve Oakley here to explain to you about TIF Districts and with Steve's background as a retired City Attorney from Jenks which he has put together four or five TIF's and was very successfully and this got my attention to invite him here to explain and give you a brief overview of what this is.

Steve Oakley stated that our legislative passed a law that has given municipalities a tool for economic development and one of those is Tax Increment Financing. Steve stated that basically your will establish a policy of how you want to deal with TIF's, then you will get together a project plan when a developer come to you and then that project plan will go the Planning Commission and then a review community. Steve stated that what it basically is a designated area in the district (TIF), Vice Mayor Guthrie asked Steve if it could be more than one property, Steve stated yes. Steve stated that once you form that district then the County Assessor's Office gives you what the basics is about how much ad valorem is collected, and that your bases. Steve continued to explain in detail more on this issue.

Discussion continued on this item.

No action taken.

Vice Mayor Guthrie said item #3 on the Special Work Session agenda is:

Discussion on a proposed ordinance and election granting to One Gas, Inc., through its Oklahoma Natural Gas Company Division (ONG), a non-exclusive franchise to sell and distribute natural gas using public ways in the City of Bixby.

Presented by: Patrick Boulden

City Attorney Patrick Boulden stated that this is a proposed ordinance to ONG for the ballot November 14th and we are at a point to put on the ballot for the voters.

Discussion continued on this item.

No action taken.

Adjournment was called at 5:57 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK