

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL

Worksession No. 10-04

Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa 50131

February 16, 2010

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Clabaugh, Culbert, Hibbs, Kallen, Lindeman

ABSENT: None

3. PRESENTATION FROM THE JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE AND MUSCO REGARDING FIELD LIGHTING

Brian Buckalew, president of the Johnston Little League, noted that the growth of the Johnston Little League and Johnston Girl's Softball league had reached the capacity of the fields. This maximum capacity required the leagues to play over 20 games in the Saydel district.

The leagues are working in conjunction with the Green Meadows West Homeowner's Association to install lighting on 2 interior fields at the complex.

Frank Hays of Musco Lighting reviewed the lighting options for the fields, noting that Musco was very cognizant of the lighting requirements and concerns in the area.

Steve Halterman, president of the Green Meadows West Homeowner's Association, noted that they would be holding a Town Hall meeting for their residents in the next month.

Sanders noted that an agreement exists with Pioneer in which defines the times the fields may be lit. He also noted that the Little League, Softball League, and Musco Lighting would be working with the residents in the area as well as Pioneer.

4. DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EASE/CENTRAL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) POLICY

Sanders reviewed the proposed changes to the Urban Renewal Plan and the Tax Increment Financing Policy, noting that language changes were being included to add the definition of blight in the Urban Renewal Plan. Adding language in the TIF policy allowing additional uses of TIF funds is also being proposed.

Sanders also noted that any changes would require a consultation with the other taxing entities in the area and that any TIF applications would be approved by the Council.

Public Works Director Dave Cubit addressed the Council noting that he had been asked to provide an update on the impact of the winter weather on snow removal budget. Cubit advised that to date, Public Works had utilized 129% of the budgeted amount for snow removal.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk