

Bond Advisory Committee

November 5th, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Upstairs Conference Room – Civic Center

The Bond Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Upstairs Conference Room, Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street, Abilene, Texas. Stormy Higgins, Chairman of the Committee was present and presiding with the following members: Carissa Platt, Jack Wilson, Sylvia Leal, John Hill, Shannel Anderson, Sam Vinson, Mike Dunnahoo, Lt. Col. Michael Harner, Brent Casey, Terry Johnson and Michael Hernandez Committee member absent was Dr. Allison Garret and Rev. Lankford. Various members of the City Staff and Media were also present

Stormy Higgins called the meeting to order.

Chairman Higgins stated that the committee has been given the minutes from the October 22nd meeting and there being no additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes as presented, Lt. Col. Michael Harner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Dunnahoo made the second, motion carried.

Presentation made by Scott Kirk for the possibility of a Baseball Stadium. Mr. Kirk discussed the possible economic impact and the cost for the proposed stadium at approximately \$5.5 million. Locations suggested were Nelson Park area or Rose Park area and utilizing the buildings the city currently owns around Rose Park for part of the facility.

Chairman Higgins handed out a project list that was the results of the bond committee prioritizing the projects. After a brief discussion, Chairman Higgins opened the public comment time and the committee heard from the following:

For projects:

- Keith Garner – for Zoo projects
- Rob Carleton – for Community Service projects
- Mike Vandervoort – for road improvements and sidewalk improvements
- Nancy Hall – for Police Items
- Leroy King – for Community Service projects

Against projects:

- Randy Dodd – against all projects that would raise tax dollars

Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

The bond committee had the following discussion: 1) the number of fire stations and the age of the 3 fire stations listed on the project list (1955); 2) ISO Rating for the City and how it relates to the number of fire stations, response times and insurance rates for homeowners; 3) Cedar Creek Waterway; 4) Water is essential; 5) Public Safety first then Economic Development; 6) Reinvestment in infrastructure; 7) Streets are critical; 8) Splash pads and aquatics; 9) Zoo projects; and 10) Review of the projects broke down by costs and survey of bond committee.

Chairman Higgins announced that the next meeting will be on November 19th and there would be another time for public hearing.

Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Danette Dunlap, TRMC
City Secretary

Stormy Higgins
Chairman