

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Work Session City Council Meeting
Proceedings: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 –5:30 PM

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the work session to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Barb Melonis, Ron Cumberledge and Barb Hawkins. Council members Dave Huey and Ed Aldmeyer arrived late.
Also present –City Clerk Doreen Mowery

1. Fire Department Coordinator, Phill Newton reviewed the Fire Department equipment requests with the council members present. The department's highest priority is a new pumper truck. They have looked at three companies and have received estimates of \$440,000 to \$520,000. The department also has needs for radios and equipment, computers, air packs, fill station, RIT pack, and a thermal imager. In addition to their equipment needs, the department has submitted a request for an addition to their building. The addition would be used to house out of town volunteers over night. It would also be used as additional storage. The department would also like to get new doors and door openers for the existing building. The truck that the department wants to replace is a 1984 pumper. It does not meet current NFPA guidelines and it cannot pass pump tests and the pump cannot be rebuilt. The cab is designed to hold two people and there are not additional safety restraints. The truck is a safety concern and the department does not use it as a first line truck any longer. The department is also requesting funds to replace an 11 year old thermal imaging camera. The technology has changed substantially in the past 11 years. They have proposed submitteing a grant to purchase the camera with Iowa West funds. The Mayor stated that new technology takes us backward. The building that the department is proposing is 125' x 60'. A 75' x 60' section of the building would be used the maintenance department. The section allocated for the fire department would have a day room and three to four bedrooms, along with gear racks and storage space. Phill stated that currently about 1/3 of the department does not live in Carter Lake. Jerry Bell believes that eventually we will be contracting with the City of Omaha because we will not be able to staff a volunteer department. The Mayor is in favor of purchasing the fire truck, however he is not in favor of the building. He feels the money would be better spent on paving 9th Street. Council member Cumberledge thinks the department could free up some room in the existing station if they get rid of the third truck and remodel to add on sleeping quarters. John Wallace would like to know how much the bond issue will raise taxes. This information will not be available until the council determines what will be purchased, the approximate cost, and the terms of the bond issue. Council member Melonis is in favor of the truck. She feels it is necessary for public safety. Mayor Waltrip would like to consider getting rid of the water rescue team and the related equipment. Council member Cumberledge felt that the department would be able to free up an entire bay if the water rescue team was dissolved. Council member Aldmeyer stated he would be in favor of purchasing the truck, equipment, and current facility improvements. Phill said he would be happy to get prices on a 50' x 60' building for fire department use. There were some concerns expressed over the structural stability of the current facility. The Mayor said he would find an architect to look at the current structure.

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2. The Mayor would like to pave 9th Street from Locust to Ave. J while they are paving 9th Street from Ave. J to Ave. H. He will talk to the contractor to see if he can get a good price to complete 9th St. from Locust to Ave. J.

This special city council work session was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor