

Van Meter City Council
Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2014

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met in special session on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the Veterans Reception Center located at 910 Main Street in Van Meter. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. On roll call the following City Council members were present: Kim Sacker, Mike Peterson, Elizabeth Tweed, and Bob Lacy. Owen Stump was absent.

Also present was City Administrator Jake Anderson.

- 2) Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Lacy supported by Sacker. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Mayor Adams asked City Administrator Jake Anderson to present the request for action temporarily closing Mill Street on Sunday, August 3, 2014. Anderson explained that the David Young campaign submitted a written request to temporarily block the street for a campaign rally on August 3rd. Moved by Peterson supported by Tweed to approve the temporary street closure. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Mayor Adams, the City Council, and City Administrator Anderson discussed the development of a facilities plan. In the short term, and in anticipation of City Hall moving to 310 Mill Street, the City Council directed Anderson to solicit proposals from the Public Library and the Department of Public Safety for the dedication and use of the current City Hall space at 505 Grant Street.

In the long term, strategies were discussed for how to get a bond issue approved to support public library and public safety facility improvements. Some ideas included capital campaign challenges for the Friends of the Library and Fire Fighters Association that would include trigger points for action by the City. The Council delayed giving direction on the development of long term plans in favor of further discussion at a future work session.

- 5) Mayor Adams, the City Council and City Administrator Anderson discussed the fee waiver incentive for new residential construction. Anderson noted that he had received feedback from spec builders that indicated the incentive made a difference. The City Council will delay further review until additional data can be collected to help gauge the impact of the program on new construction.
- 6) Mayor Adams, the City Council, and City Administrator Anderson discussed annexation planning. Anderson explained that some letters requesting property owners consider voluntary annexation have been sent out and that he had received roadway maintenance cost estimates from the Dallas County Engineer. In particular the conversation focused on annexing north to the interstate and the property between the original city and the Crestview Estates development. The Council discussed infrastructure issues and property tax implications for those that annex.

- 7) Mayor Adams, the City Council, and City Administrator Anderson discussed green space planning in Crestview Estates. Some ideas included a fund raising challenge to raise the money for a lot and in exchange the City would purchase park equipment and accept ongoing maintenance.
- 8) Having no further business Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Lacy supported by Peterson. Passed unanimously.