

Little Elm Citizen's Bond Committee

December 15th Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 1855 with prayer
- Keith Wilson

The pledge of allegiance
– Charles Platt

Role was called and a quorum was established.
– Nick Apel

Minutes from the December 8th meeting were approved
– Nick Apel

Library Sub-Committee Presentation

– Michael Topor

Michael provided a presentation reflecting the research and recommendation of the sub-committee. Each member was provided with a copy of the presentation and recommendations for consideration. The thrust of the presentation was to include \$500,000 in the 2009 bond for library addition with future matching funds toward the construction of a free-standing library. If enough private funds were raised, then a free-standing library would be built with the \$500,000 bond allocation plus the private funds. If insufficient funds were raised, then the \$500,000 bond money would be used for renovation of the Town Hall former police area and any private funds raised would be kept for a future free-standing library. The expansion is envisioned to take place after the police department moves into a new facility. Further, interest was expressed in fundraising with a view towards a free standing library. These efforts would be a team effort of the Friends of the Library and the Library itself.

Preliminary Comments

– Hal Grant

- Motions will be accepted. Changes to a motion may be made upon the approval of the person making the motion.
- Joy Paulson
 - Joy requested that the Town Manager give a description of the need and use for the back up generators.
 - Generators are needed to ensure that basic town services continue to function in the event of an emergency event.
 - It is possible to make a disaster recovery agreement (annual fee) to provide emergency power generation. Connectivity is available in some cases and not currently available in others.
- Nick Apel
 - What is the useful life of the proposed fire and rescue vehicles? The Chief responded that useful life is approximately 12 years.

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- What is the term of the bonds that will be used to purchase these vehicles?
The Town Manager responded that the bonds issued for the purchases will not exceed the useful life of the vehicles.
- Other needs such as the library and senior center may need to be pushed to the next bond initiative.

Motions

Charles Platt made a motion to include the Excel spreadsheet listing submitted by Michael Gaffney. Motion was seconded by Tom Piper.

Item	Description	Matching Funds	Project Cost	Bond Portion
1	Police Facility		\$6,000,000.	\$6,000,000.
2	Central Fire Station	\$3,400,000.	\$6,000,000.	\$2,600,000.
3	Eldorado Parkway Streetscape*	\$3,000,000.	\$6,000,000.	\$3,000,000.
4	King Road 2 Lane Concrete	\$2,800,000.	\$3,500,000.	\$700,000.
5	Lobo Lane Re-Construction	\$2,400,000.	\$3,400,000.	\$1,000,000.
6	Main St. East & Lakeshore Re-align.	\$1,500,000.	\$4,000,000	\$2,500,000.
7	Witt Rd./Woodlake Connector	\$600,000.	\$1,200,000.	\$600,000.
8	Fire/Rescue Engine Replacement		\$650,000.	\$650,000.
9	Back up Generators		\$500,000.	\$500,000.
10	Animal Shelter		\$775,000.	\$775,000.
11	Fire engine replacement		\$490,000.	\$490,000.
				\$18,815,000.

* Pedestrian Walkway should be included in the Eldorado Streetscape.

Three amendments were proposed:

- Add back-up generators to the motion for an additional \$500,000. (Accepted)
- 2-Add Library build out to the motion for an additional \$500,000. (Rejected)

Vote: 15 Yes and 4 No, Motion Carried

Rider Proposals

Sylvia Dietz proposed that a Rider be added to the motion to propose that the \$500,000 for the Library should be added to the Bond Committee recommendation. Motion was seconded by Nick Apel.

Vote: 5 Yes and 14 No, Motion Failed

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Joy Paulson proposed that a Rider be added to the motion to propose that the \$250,000 for the Library should be added to the Bond Committee recommendation. Motion was not seconded.

Michael Gaffney proposed, Brian Lovelady seconded, that the recommendation to Town Council should include the committee's desire that the Council find money through EDC or the developer that is developing the Town Center or find other means to fund a Library.

Vote: 17 Yes and 2 No, Motion Carried

The Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting and will be discussed during the first meeting of the New Year.

Hal Grant and Ivan Langford expressed their gratitude for the participation and engagement of the Committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 on 12/15/2008.

Minutes submitted on December 16th_, 2008
Nick Apel