

SPECIAL COMMISSION HEARING

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Mayor Nugent called the special meeting to discuss the USDA Grant to order. Present were Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner, Commissioner Wilbur Waters, Commissioner Travis Woods, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Chief Jeff Johnson, Fire Chief Tom Rowe, and City Manager Tom Ernharth.

Mayor Nugent opened the floor for discussion on the USDA Grant.

Clerk Thompson explained the reason for this special hearing is get input from the citizen regarding the USDA Grant to assist in purchasing the new radio equipment for the police department and to approve authorization for the mayor to execute the grant application paperwork.

This grant is to assist the City with purchasing the new radio equipment to bring the police department up to date with the new system the County Dispatch is installing. This again is a 45/55 percent matching meaning the city would have to pay 45 percent of the cost.

Chief Johnson explained this is not a budgeted item this year and accepting about \$50,000 of the expense. He suggested asking the Sheriff's Department for assistance on the dispatch fee since he brought this to us in a budget year and we don't have this in the budget.

Commissioner Waters asked where the city's portion will come from?

Clerk Thompson responded it will come from reserves on the general fund side.

Chief Johnson and Clerk Thompson will speak with the Sheriff about helping through this budget year.

Mayor Nugent asked if there is citizen participation?

Hearing none; Clerk Thompson requested a motion to approve the signature of the application.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to authorize the signature of the application, second Commissioner Spooner; passed 5-0.

He asked if any additional information needed to be brought in front of the board the grant application, hearing none he entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Waters passed 4-0.

Daniel Nugent, Mayor
Commissioner Tommy Chastain
Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner
Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters
Commissioner Travis V. Woods

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk