

WORK SESSION—DECEMBER 1st, 2011

Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council Work Session, held at the
Huntsville Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. December 1st, 2011.

Present: Mayor James Truett
Council Member Max Ferre'
Council Member Alan Clapperton
Council Member Laurie Allen
Legal Council Jerald Engstrom
Clerk/Recorder Gail Ahlstrom
Treasurer/Ramona Clapperton

Excused: Council Member Richard Sorensen

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order and said that the Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated with projects listed in order of priority. Gail needs this document when she applies for another CDBG grant. CM Clapperton stated that last night there was a meeting with Waterworks Engineering who presented several options, along with cost estimates for redundancy filtration systems for the culinary water plant.

Option 1: is to continue to use the Strain Rite bag system and retrofit the current system to the new bags that are currently available, the cost estimate for this was \$210,800. CM Clapperton stated that he isn't sure this estimate is accurate because Dee Jette had received an estimate from Strain Rite for \$70,000. Cory with Waterworks will follow up with a firm number from Strain Rite. This would be the simplest option, requiring no real changes in the system. The engineers thought the town might be unhappy with Strain Rite because they left the town without bags. Huntsville appears to be the only system still using those bags. At the meeting Lewis Johnson recommended that if the town goes with Strain Rite then the town should purchase a stock pile of bags.

Option 2: the membrane filtration system, which would cost between \$700,000-\$900,000.
This was out of the question for the town.

Option 3: the UV(ultra violet) system -WEDCO. The ultra violet lights destroys the DNA of living organisms at a cost of \$140,000. This can be done in addition to or instead of the Strain Rite system. This type of system is more labor intensive than the UV Trojan system and would cost the town more money in hourly wages.

Option 4: UV (ultra violet) Trojan system: which would cost \$293,000.

CM Clapperton said the council needs to figure out if it wants to do the bags and sand filtration system only, or the bag system plus the UV-WEDCO system, or convert to the UV-Trojan system.

Hopefully the town will be awarded a CDBG grant to pay for most of the work. The council will need to make a decision on which system to go with after we hear back from the Waterworks Engineers. Upgrades to the redundancy filtration system at the culinary water system needs to be the town's number one priority on the Capital Investment Plan. Number two will be the replacement of water meters with electronic meters readers.

The discussion turned to the purchase of a dump trailer for the cemetery. CM Allen spoke with Doug Allen, Lonny Bailey, Greg Roylance and Wayne Hadley about the dump trailer. Lonny doesn't think the trailer will work, backing up the trailer between headstones will be difficult. Mayor Truett thought the dump trailer was a good idea, it's better than letting a truck sit out in the weather all the time, and the trailer could be used for other town projects. CM Allen stated that a having a trailer would require town employees to use their personal trucks to do town work, and they won't be covered by insurance if an accident happened. CM Ferre' mentioned that they would be backing the trailer in the dark, because a lot of the time they dig the graves at night. Lonny would prefer a dump truck. The dump trailer will cost \$7,200, a dump truck will cost a lot more than that. CM Allen said if they drive the backhoe to the cemetery, they will be down there with no truck to pull the trailer with. The council members agreed that the dump trailer was what they wanted to purchase for the cemetery, action on this item will be taken in the town council meeting later tonight.

The council continued to update the Capital Investment Plan. Gail will amend the document.

Mayor Truett made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

James. A. Truett, Mayor