

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: August 13, 2018
Place of Meeting: Marion City Hall

Chairman Jason Schaber called the Meeting of the Committee for Jobs & Economic Development to Order at 7:00 pm and requested that the Clerk call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present -- Jason Schaber, Kevin Norris, Ayers Ratliff; Member(s) Absent were: None

MINUTES:

Mr. Norris moved to approve the minutes of 05/14/2018; Mr. Ratliff 2nd. Roll Call:
Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Norris, Mr. Ratliff.

Minutes of May 14, 2018 were approved (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LAWHON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE TRAIL EXTENSION AT SAWYER LUDWIG PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Evelyn Warr-Cummings (Regional Planning) explained that to get past the environmental review process for the block grants the last thing we must do is some shovel test in the area for the extension of trail around the garden area. Initially, the prices came in quite high (\$7,000) so it was worth narrowing scope of project to define where trail is and put it out again and she got a more reasonable quote at \$1,375 with Lawhon and Associates out of Columbus. To pass it on to council as an emergency would be helpful in meeting the timeline for the work.

Projects include: trail extension, raise the Rose Cottage, replace concrete under the shelter, and then add some barrier to stop vehicular access to walking trail. This is within \$60,000 budget. They cannot get access to any of that money until she finalizes the archaeology study.

Mr. Ratliff asked and it was clarified that this expenditure is not taking away from another project. He continued. When we put grant through for \$64,100 for this project, we were a little vague with some of the project dollars because at that point we still did not even know what the budget for grant was. With a few grant projects several grants ago, we started these projects and we did not have the money with the grants at that point. Does this finish everything or is there still going to be more? Miss Warr-Cummings said she would need to defer to Mike Cheney. This may finish trail part of it (3rd phase in combination with health department project). When we did all this the first time, we had to do an archeological study. She was even a little bit surprised that we had to do another one. Mr. Ratliff asked if now that we have done this twice, does this cover the park. So, if we were to do something else in the future, is this something we will have to do every single time. Miss Warr-Cummings indicated that we would have to do this

anytime soil is disturbed. There is more of a trend towards doing the archeological studies from the granting authority. They want them to stake the actual route and they will do some shovel tests along that specific route not the whole park. When she was a little more generous with where the path would be, the quotes were large, so she scaled it back. Depending on nature of the work, anytime we do any excavating or planting trees, flower beds, etc., another study would be done. Mr. Ratliff stated that if we are going to do projects in this park in the future, we need to be mindful of that and know that the budget is going in so that we can fit those into our grant dollar budgets moving forward. Much has already been done to the park and he considers it a very nice park.

Miss Warr-Cummings will ask Mr. Cheney if there are other desires of a similar nature maybe we could have archeological study expanded through change order.

Mr. Norris states that he gets a lot of complaints because the restrooms are so far from the ball fields. That might be something to take into consideration for future planning.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to recommend legislation to council; Mr. Norris 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Norris, Mr. Ratliff

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

With no further business to come before this Committee, Mr. Schaber adjourned the meeting at 7:10PM.

Chairman Schaber

Clerk of Council