

# Citizen's Focus Group Committee Meeting

Friday, December 12, 2014

Kevin started the meeting at 9:00am in the Budget Conference Room. A sign in sheet was passed to members to record attendance.

Present:

Andrea Gardner – City Manager  
Kevin Keller – Public Information Officer  
Daryl Uptmore – PW Director  
Dennis Courtney – Superintendent Sewer Collection  
Marcie Lowery  
Chris Mulvey  
Marc Payne  
Bob Martin

Absent:

Timothy McGinnis  
Ray Torres  
Regina Vargas  
Ronnie Viss  
Marty Smith – Council Liaison

## I. General Announcements

No announcements at this time.

## II. Committee Discussion / Business (Open Forum)

### *Sewer Collection Presentation*

- **Daryl** started the presentation for the Citizen's Focus Group on sewer collection.
- **Dennis and Daryl** provided explanation of the lift station process and discussed two different type lift station units, submersible and self-priming. (See attached presentation from Sewer Collection).

### *Utility Payments*

- **Chris** asked Andrea about the \$1.25 online convenience fee. Andrea advised this fee is what the City is charged to use the service. The fee is passed to the customer wishing for the convenience of online bill pay and the City does not profit from this fee.
- **Marcie** about the donation boxes on the Utility bills. Andrea will forward the email regarding the topic to the group.

### *Christmas Decorations*

- **Chris** advised the street light decorations are in need of repair.
- **Andrea** explained the City cannot solicit funds for decorations, however local businesses, the chamber and/or KCCB can seek donations to purchase new lights and donate the lights to the City.

### *Meggs Street Rezoning*

- **Marc** had questions regarding potential businesses in the area. Marc expressed concerns about an architect/designer business with a construction front in the area due to the residences already there.

### *Legislative Updates*

- **Andrea** shared her recent trip to the Railroad Commission and that Rule 186 and 187 passed.
- **Andrea** also explained HB 365, which is showing some support, regarding the rollback rate calculation change from 108 to 104.
- **Andrea** advised once Ryan completes letters against the Bill, Andrea will distribute to interested members of the group.
- **Brief discussion** took place regarding the ways to go about educating the general public of the affects tied to HB 365.
- **Suggestions made** for education were the focus group, community groups, summit entities, EDC and media.
- **Andrea** will send the State's tax rate information from various cities to Kevin to forward to the group members.

### *CFG Member Matters*

- **Andrea** discussed the possibility of including Frank Seffrood within the group.
- **Marcie** asked about those not in attendance, expressing concern that certain member(s) have several unexcused absences. Marcie asked about removing these members. Andrea advised the members to review the bylaws concerning this topic.

### *Other Miscellaneous Matters*

- **Chris** asked about an ordinance requiring trees at certain businesses. Andrea advised there was not one.
- **General discussion** was held regarding the next meeting topics to include how agendas work and the Citizen Survey.

- **Kevin** advised he will send the 2013 Citizen Survey to all members for review. Kevin asks all members make suggestion of changes for the 2015 survey.

### **III. Conclusion of Meeting**

Kevin advised he would notify via email the next meeting date.