

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2019

Call to Order; Mayor Christie called the meeting to order at 2:00PM

Roll Call of Council; City Clerk Jertson called the roll, Councilmembers Flynn, Wozniak, Lloyd, Fowler, Wilms and Bourke all present.

Prior to the business on the meeting the Mayor made an announcement that John Cooper has stepped down as President of Cooper Communities Inc. He is being replaced by Kent Berger, CFO of CCI. The Mayor believes that this is a positive move for welcoming investment in the Cooper properties in Bella Vista and that they are planning to price all properties very competitively. The Mayor and Tom Judson of the POA will be meeting with Mr. Berger soon.

BUSINESS:

R2019-RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CEASE PURSUIT OF THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF THE CENTERTON WATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF GRAVETTE, RURAL BENTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA.

The Mayor read the Resolution and then asked for comments from Council members.

John Flynn then made some comments on why he feels that is right to pass this Resolution. He believes that the administration of the city, The Mayor and his team has been "rock solid" in the decision making over the last 5 years they have been in place and if they do not support the purchase of this water system he is solidly behind that position. This purchase would be highly speculative and there is no positive payback for this investment.

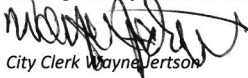
Larry Wilms then made a series of comments on the history of this proposal and restated many of the comments he has made in the past on why he supports the purchase. He feels that it would help the city to serve residents and properties that may not have service at this time. He sees the city as needing to have a Water Service District for future growth in and around the city.

Doug Fowler then made his position in support of purchasing this portion of the Centerton water system. He agrees that it is a bit speculative but would be good for growth in the city into the future.

Linda Lloyd then stated her support for this purchase and feels that if we do not acquire this now we will regret it in the future.

At this point Jim Wozniak moved approval of the Resolution, it was seconded by John Flynn. Roll call vote was called; Council members Flynn, Wozniak and Bourke voted Aye. Council members Fowler, Lloyd and Wilms voted Nay. Mayor Christie then cast an Aye vote breaking the tie and the Resolution was adopted. 4-3.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19PM.


City Clerk Wayne Jertson




Mayor Peter Christie