

City Council Work Session
October 19, 2009
5:30 PM

Present: Mayor William Isley, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, Brian Skinner, Wayne Tucker and David Jones.

Mayor Isley called the work session to order at 5:45pm to discuss if the City wishes to apply for an 80/20 Recreational Trails grant in the amount of \$50,000 with a local share of \$12,500.

If awarded the money would be used to extend the walking trail in Big Springs Park onto recently acquired property adjacent to the original park site.

Mayor Isley suggested the city consider applying for the grant, since there are no grants available for playground equipment at this time. Mayor further explained this grant would include a bridge over the creek that would connect to adjoining city property, extending the walking trail including grassing and landscaping.

Everyone agreed playground equipment is very important, but additional funds will have to be raised before any equipment could be purchased. Mayor said he has met with State Legislator Jim McClendon and the St. Clair County Commission to discuss this need and hopes to receive some funding for equipment.

Council discussed and agreed to apply for the recreational trails grant and if awarded to see in-kind services would be allowed toward the local match.

Mayor Isley recessed the meeting at approx 6 :03pm to see if Mrs. Campbell, grant writer was available by phone to ask if in-kind services would qualify for the local match.

Mayor Isley called the meeting back to order at approx. 6:07pm and advised he was unable to reach Ms. Campbell, but would let the Council know at the next meeting.

Council agreed to consider the resolution at the city council meeting following this work session.

Mayor Isley adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk
Jennifer Disker, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor William Isley, Jr.