

CITY OF KUNA

City Council Workshop Minutes Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP – Senior Center Revenue and Expenses

Call to Order and Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor W. Greg Nelson
Council President Richard Cardoza
Council Member Briana Buban-Vonder Haar
Council Member Pat Jones
Council Member Joe Stear

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Gordon Law, City Engineer
John Marsh, City Treasurer
Chris Engels, City Clerk
Richard Roats, City Attorney
Bobby Withrow, Parks Supervisor
Bob Bachman, Fleet/Facilities Manager

City Treasurer John Marsh presented the summary of expenses and revenue of the last 6 years for the Senior Center. He updated Council that the Senior Center has always been a cost center and it has grown larger the last few years. Previously there was additional rental income from a church but they discontinued using it several years ago. Other rental income is limited beyond the Senior Association.

Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar asked if the rental was higher during certain times of year and why the utilities seemed to be higher than previous years.

City Clerk Chris Engels commented that rental is higher during the colder months.

Mr. Marsh responded that the rates are set by the utilities. He is hopeful the rates will stabilize.

Mayor Nelson indicated that Fleet/Facilities Manager Bob Bachman has been working on some temperature control to help with the expense.

Mr. Bachman explained he did a study and indicated it is functioning at a 60% rate and should be at 80 to 90 %. He has made some adjustments but thinks air leakage is a big factor. Control changes will be helpful to control usage of the system when no one is there.

Mr. Marsh reminded Council that there were upgrades done several years ago to the HVAC system but the cost of utilities is still more expensive than City Hall.

Council President Cardoza asked how Mr. Marsh established the trend.

Mr. Marsh explained how he arrived at his projection. \$5,183.76 was the cost over 7 months. The total amount was divided by 7 then the average was multiplied by 12 to obtain a projected cost trend.

Council Member Jones clarified it is a fiscal year. He expressed concern how to get additional income to make the expense justifiable. He wants to accommodate the seniors but thinks there may be other avenues to possibly look at for locating the seniors. His concern is losing so much funding at a building that the City owns and still paying rent at the current City Hall and thought other options should be looked at.

Mr. Marsh commented there could be options to review. He isn't sure of the Senior Association schedules and what activities are involved.

Council Member Jones wants the seniors to have a place but is concerned about Bingo night and whether there is a fee waiver in place for Bingo.

City Clerk Chris Engels responded she is not aware of a fee waiver for Bingo Nights. She believes the Senior Association just asked for the space on Saturday nights for Bingo.

Council Member Jones also doesn't understand the need for a telephone which is a significant cost.

Mayor Nelson stated that the senior center was built as a promise to the seniors for nutrition. It was never designed to make money but for a place for them to socialize and have meals as well as health. It fulfills many of their needs. It was never built to make money.

Council President Cardoza thought the facility was built for the seniors and then they deeded it to the City. He is concerned about access for the seniors at another location.

Council Member Stear suggested checking with other cities and see how they trend with their Senior Centers. Maybe there are other ideas out there.

Council President Cardoza thought the amount being spent annually wasn't that unreasonable based on the city's general fund revenue.

Mayor Nelson discussed that the city is looking at grants for senior centers to help with a fence and other items for the center. Funds are hard to find for tables and such but is mostly for construction.

Council Member Jones doesn't think the issue is with the Senior Association as much as with the non-seniors contributing. The seniors contribute funds. He is concerned about the fee waivers that are granted. He'd like to consider ways to help cover the costs.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any further points of discussion on this issue and if all the information had been provided that the Council wanted.

No questions or comments at this time from Council.

Meeting closed at 5:56 p.m.


W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Chris Engels, City Clerk

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