

Columbia City Council  
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2007, 6 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Almeta Crayton, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe.

City Manager Bill Watkins and other staff members were present.

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The City Manager reviewed the following:

Calendar items:

- Wednesday, April 4, Exploring the Vision, Stephens College, Kimball Ballroom, Lela Raney Wood Hall, 6-8pm. Participant's kit – handed out to Council members.
- Monday, April 9, Special Council meeting, Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m. Reception will follow in the mezzanine.
- Saturday, April 28, Council orientation/tour of city facilities.
- Wednesday, May 9, 4pm to 6pm, Water Treatment Plant Open House/Dedication.

Agenda Item:

- Pull B133-07 contract with Edison; today received price which represented a \$9M increase. CM recommended adding a resolution to the agenda that would authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with Ameren (R88-07). Ameren is \$5M cheaper. He described two options: (1) extend Ameren's contract; or (2) direct staff to go back out to bid. The Ameren extension would provide power for a three year period (2008-2011).
- B110-07 Electric Connection Fee – Mr. Dasho provided an update on what is being proposed/recommended by staff.

Scheduled Topics:

- Draft Citizen Survey – copies of the draft survey were sent to the Council. Staff reviewed the schedule and topics covered in the survey. Ms. Crayton expressed concern about how to reach low-income residents. She indicated there needed to be another approach to making sure this segment of the community is represented in the survey. Council asked staff to visit with ETC and provide alternatives to address this issue. Staff described the types of deliverables that would be received. Ms. Nauser pointed out that the survey seemed long. Staff indicated they would seek the consultant's advice on ways to reduce the length of the survey.
- Internal Affairs – Chief Boehm introduced the consultant, Dr. Aaron Thompson. Dr. Thompson stated that his charge was to review the internal affairs process and his recommendation included an update of the policy which is 20 years old. He stated that they found some inconsistencies in how the policy is handled. He indicated that the administrative review process is more problematic – taxed front line supervisors. He also recommends designing a system that creates better external communication. Chief Boehm described the three goals: (1) increase trust in the system – internal and

external; (2) increase transparency – both internally and externally; and, (3) increase efficiency in the process.

- Annual Audit – Lori Fleming and L. Laura Elliston, Finance Advisory Committee Member, were present. Ms. Fleming indicated that Council received copies of the audit along with other correspondence. Ms. Fleming referred to page 9 for a brief summary. Ms. Elliston stated that a Finance Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 14, 2007 at which time the financial report and related documents were reviewed. The Committee accepted the reports and recommended the Council accept the documents.