

ST. CLOUD CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Thursday, March 5, 2020
City Hall, Council Chambers
1300 Ninth Street
Minutes

I. Mayor Blackwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- Mayor Nathan Blackwell City Manager, William Sturgeon
- Deputy Mayor Linette Matheny City Attorney, Daniel Mantzaris
- Council Member Chuck Cooper Linda Jaworski, City Clerk
- Council Member Dave Askew Ivy De La Cruz, Deputy City Clerk
- Council Member Keith Trace Members of the Press

All members were present.

III. Discussion regarding Public Safety Committee recommendation.

Chief Gauntlett presented certificates of appreciation and gifts for serving on the volunteer committee to the following Members of the St. Cloud Public Safety Committee: Sheriff Hansel, Mayor Blackwell, Claudio De La Cruz, Tom Hurt, John Chapman, Hughette Crumpler, Mike Kepner, Clyde Well, David Meisner, and Dave Rinehart.

City Manager Sturgeon shared a statement regarding the growth of the community and the need for recommendations provided by the residents and the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Gauntlett reviewed how the City had grown and expressed his appreciation to City Manager and Council for allowing the formation of this select group of people. He provided step by step how the group went through orientation prior to their recommendations.

Fire Chief Silvestris reviewed current and future needs for the fire department. He stated the challenges for the department were significant, but confident that through the workshop those challenges could be met.

Sheriff Hansell, Chairman, recognized the dedicated committee members by name. John Chapman, Claudio De La Cruz, Mike Kepner, Kobi Urban, Norma Vasquez, Ray Stangle, Hughette Crumpler, Tom Hurt, David Meisner, Dave Rinehart, Clyde Wells, and Christina Morris. He thanked Staff and Council for the assistance and the opportunity to provide the City with their recommendations. He provided a prioritized summary to fund the growth needed and stated the Committee advised that the most important step was to hire a financial consultant to explore ways to fund the growth needed for the two departments.

John Chapman, recognized City Manager Sturgeon and the Police and Fire Chiefs for their commitment to the citizens of the City.

Hughette Crumpler, suggested new developments be required to provide a fire station that would meet the City's code. She shared other goals for the City.

Sheriff Hansell, reiterated the very first step was to obtain a financial consultant for plans, finance and how long to the goal.

City Manager Sturgeon, made Council aware of the matrix study and an impact fee study now in process.

Council Members thanked the committee for their service. Council consensus was to proceed with a financial advisor.

Discussion followed regarding placement and design of the future Safety Complex.

Mayor Blackwell thanked all the committee members for their dedication, direction and recommendations.

Police Chief Gauntlett thanked members of staff from each department for all their involvement.

City Manager Sturgeon stated he had a proclamation for Confederate Memorial Day and requested how Council wished to proceed. Council consensus was to proceed with the proclamation.

IV. Adjournment: 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Nathan Blackwell

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Linda P. Jaworski

Minutes Approved: _____