

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Thursday, September 6, 2012 5:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk/Treasure Jennifer Smith, Attorney Michael Segler, City Engineer Joe Davis,

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Valerie Thomerson called the Special meeting to order at 5:33pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk/Treasure Jennifer Smith called roll. There was a quorum present.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** – waived per Mayor Valerie Thomerson
4. **INVOCATION** – waived per Mayor Valerie Thomerson
5. **BUSINESS ITEM** –

Representative Bill Stricker with BOSC addressed the Council, read in the Piedmont Newspaper that Councilman Donnie Robinson said there is no substitution for experience. He asked Council Robinson is the state was correct.

Councilman Donnie Robinson stated he might have put it that way, I don't know.

Mr. Stricker continued with his comments to the Council by explaining in the packet he provided there is information on his firm. With the 9 staff members the firm has they represent over a 150 years of experience. Also noted BOSC was started in Oklahoma over 100 years ago.

Also provided in the packet was a copy of the Bond Buyer. The Bond Buyer is a daily publication that goes out to all Financial Advisors and Bond departments. In 2011 BOSC was rated 4th at 156 million and MFS was rated 5th at 94 million. Current in 2012 BOSC is rated 2 with 137 million, MFS is not rated in the top 5.

Our fees are \$15,000 less then MFS and that could build a few sidewalks.

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We can care of the bond issue, if you can get the voters to pass it. That will be the key. We have the experience and would love your business.

a. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES.**

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to discuss 5a. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

Councilman Charles Coffman commented that both companies are excellent and recognizes the fees are different but after more research has learned it is really about the interest rate. Both firms are equal.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented that the fees are different and noted that Rick with MFS is more familiar with selling in bonds in the Piedmont area. He was successful with the school bond issue. However, both firms have the same experience and we can only go on less fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage commented that he thinks Piedmont will be fine with either company. The bond is going to be a tough sell and we have to determine where and how this money is going to be spent. Personally I could flip a coin, the difference is about \$12,000. I have built a rapport with MFS and based upon that I would like to go with MFS.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to select MFS as the Financial Advisor for the Bond issue. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Vernon Woods

b. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERARION,AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL ON CONTRACTS WITH THE STACY GROUP / BOLDT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DRAINAGE ISSUSE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to discuss item 5b. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the City has been working on the drainage issue east of the Piedmont Intermediate School. City Engineer Joe

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Davis and Triad design have been working to the drainage plan to get the drainage out of the school and to the intersection of 164th and Stout Street. City Engineer Joe Davis prepared a plan and we took it to school and discussed. Discussed three options, plan are provided in meeting packet. The school has prepared 3 bids.

Headwall as the drainage leaves the school to the east of there driveway.

Clear out the ditch

Sod the ditch

Concert the bottom of the ditch

Create a drainage structure at 164th and Stout in order to allow the water to enter drainage structure and go across the road to the south.

School does not believe the drainage structure is totally their responsibility. They will do the headwall work and labor on the first bid, total cost of \$7,347.56

The School will do the earth work, sod and labor. The trench box to the south \$20,400 would be the responsibility of the City, the concrete flume was requirement of the schools \$12,480. The problem is if the concrete flume at 164th is not done the water can not leave the area and will create a dam. It would be useless to do any of this work unless it is done in total.

Discussion occurred with the Council and the City Engineer Joe Davis about all 3 of the bids and in depth understanding of what work would done and what the final product will be. Primary concerns are the safety of the children in the area, longevity of the project; with reference to when additional road work is done on 164th will the work from these bids have to be dug up again and assurance that this work will fix the problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to accept the \$20,400 bid and the additional \$12,480 bid for the concrete work to concrete the bottom of the ditch. Also approval to enter an inter local agreement with the School System. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Charles Coffman and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Albert Gleichmann

ABSTAIN: Councilman Vernon Woods

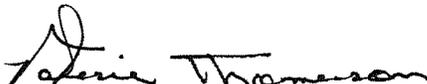
6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked if a citizen is required to provide their name when filing a complaint.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that they do ask for a name and contact information so information can be provided back to them once the complaint is investigated. They are welcome to have someone else make the complaint on their behalf, however name and contact information is not shared with the public.

7. ADJOURN -

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to adjourn at 6:32. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey