

City Hall  
Council Chambers  
July 10, 2020

The Workshop of the Mayor and Council was held at the Council Chambers on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 12:10 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Edwards called the workshop to order. Council members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Paul Griggs, Chris Smith, and Jerry Davis were present. Councilman Gerald Smith was present via telephone. Mayor Phil Best was absent.

The workshop was concerning RFP of Riverview Golf Course.

Councilman Brown asked if RFP was done, can bids be rejected.

Councilman Jones asked why (this year) was there a push to lease the golf course.

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards responded with the golf course is losing money.

Councilman Griggs stated it could be a one year lease

Councilman Brown asked about lease agreement terms

Councilman Davis added the historical value and property value of Riverview Golf Course (doesn't want to lose control of the property).

Councilman Jones stated that the golf course is underfunded we only fund enough to cover salaries and minimum operation cost.

Councilman Griggs asked if the City more have given additional funds given to the course, where would the other funds come from?

City Manager Lance Jones discussed the increase cost of the course.

Councilman Davis stated the amenities are missing from attracting industry. Would like all of Council to see the presentation from Rashard Wilson. A golf pro would enhance the success of the golf course. We need to be bold to make things better.

Councilman Brown stated that if the Recreation Authority managed the property, the county and city could fund it.

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards talked about the importance of the historical value of the property.

City Manager Jones talked about always keeping control of the property.

Councilman Davis talked about the positives of the course and to make the prospective plan all inclusive.

Councilman Griggs mentioned that someone with other courses may lease.

Councilman Brown talked about other potential uses.