

MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
March 28, 2005

Present were Mayor Lou Schaefer, Alderman Dave Edie, Alderman Jack Purvis, and City Administrator, Terry Dody. Also present were Assistant City Administrator, Frank Schoneboom City Engineer, David Miller and Fire Division Chief, Charlie Huston.

Item No. 1: Fire Station #4. David Miller explained that proposals were received from twelve architectural firms for the design of the fire station. This is a residential style structure that will be located near Highway 165 on the south side of Branson. David explained that the plan is to complete the design this year, and if funds are allocated in next year's budget, construction would start in late 2005. He explained that the request for proposal included a requirement that the architect analyze the costs and advantages of using ICF construction techniques. This system replaces the standard wood framing with a reinforced concrete and Styrofoam wall system, which are to produce more energy efficiency and an ability to withstand strong winds and tornadoes. He stated that this was only a requirement to analyze the system and then an informed decision could be made at a later date. The Engineering Department recommends Buddy Webb followed very closely by Treat Architects. Division Fire Chief Huston stated that the Fire Department recommends those two firms also, but with Treat Architects being their pick and Buddy Webb as their second recommendation. The reason that the Fire Department selected Treat Architects is because they work closely with him and are familiar with his work, whereas, the department has never worked with Buddy Webb and do not know their history except from the proposal submitted.

Mr. Edie expressed some concern that in the floor plan Buddy Webb placed the restroom facilities on the other side of the building from the bedrooms. He was concerned about the feasibility.

After some discussion Mr. Dody made the motion to select Treat Architects, which was then seconded by Mr. Edie. A vote was taken and the response was: For – Terry Dody, Dave Edie, Dick Gass and Mayor Schaefer. Against – none. Motion passed.

Item No. 2 – Change Order Update. David Miller stated that there was a unit price change order for the water well casing at the RecPlex. This change resulted in an increase of \$3,000 to the project. A change order was made for the RecPlex construction to add a rope across swim area, add pipes for drainage, deduct some trees and add sprinklers and a deduct in the equipment in the concession stands. He also explained that there was a unit price change order for the East Fall Creek Sewer project in the amount of \$16,000. No action by the committee is required.

Item No. 3 – Miscellaneous Matters. David Miller explained that Rozell Engineering expressed an interest in coming before the committee to give a short presentation of their firm. The committee stated that Mr. Miller could invite Rozell Engineering to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Purvis stated that due to the rising cost of gasoline prices that the City look into the possibility of evaluating hybrid vehicles.

Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned.