

No questions were asked by the Council.

Mayor Moore asked Sylvester Alexander, Public Works Director, if everything was in order.

Mr. Alexander responded, "Yes". He stated that this will be used on Ravenwood.

Mayor Moore asked City Attorney Davenport if he had reviewed the contract.

Mr. Davenport stated that he believes he has, but he would go back and make sure.

This item was added to the consent agenda.

2. Council to consider approval of the Huntington Homes land donation.

Attorney Davenport stated that in Mr. Rapson's absence he would inform the Council of his knowledge about this. He added that the firm, Huntington Homes, owns the property which are vacant lots. He then drew the Council's attention to a map and stated that the lots were shown in red. Mr. Davenport stated that they have been paying taxes on these five vacant lots for a number of years and they are tired of paying taxes on them and cannot do anything with them and would prefer to donate them to the City if the City wants them. He further stated that he provided them with a quit-claim deed and if it is acceptable to them, they can sign it and if the City wants to take them the Council can take a vote them. He concluded that the area around the lake is all common property and could be subject to a tax sale and he does not believe it was sold at the August tax sale, but this is something to consider.

At this time Mayor Moore stated that he would like to make a recommendation and we do not have to be in a hurry. He added that once we develop a strategy for the lake and the property around it, those properties may come into value, but right now he does not see any reason to take it on.

Councilmember Jackson stated that we would have to take them off of the tax books and do nothing with them.

Mayor Moore stated that we would also have to maintain them. He then added that if the lake property comes into play he is pretty sure that the property will still be around.

After a brief discussion Mayor Moore stated that his suggestion is to hold off and consider it at a later date.

The Council was agreeable.

Attorney Davenport verified that this item should be reflected on the agenda next Tuesday for the official recommendation.

Councilmember Jackson responded, "Yes".

Ms. Cossey asked if this item should be added to the regular agenda.

Mayor Moore responded, "Yes".

At this time Mr. Alexander stated that he would like to provide the Council with an update regarding the street where the lots are. He added that the street is currently under construction. He continued stating that it is a part of the Ronald Bridges Park Project that we have been working on for the last couple of years and it is one of the last two streets, so we are in the middle of putting in sidewalks, new water lines on Forrest and Simpson. He further added that we are also going to pave the street and it should be finished in the next two or three months. Mr. Alexander stated that the lots are vacant but the streets are being improved. He then added that we are taking out ditches and putting in drainage pipes, new curb and gutters, new water lines for the residents and paving.

Mayor Moore asked Ms. Lippmann if it would be of value if they just combined those lots into two larger lots and have a better opportunity to sale.

Ms. Lippmann stated that she was not sure about the dimensions of the lots, but she can find out by next Tuesday.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Reports:

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting adjourned.