
MINUTES

BASEHOR CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2002

5:00 PM

Basehor City Hall

**Governing Body Present: Mayor Hooker, Joseph Scherer, Joseph Odle,
Chris Garcia, Burl Gratny, Julian Espinoza**

Staff Present: Baron Powell, Mary Mogle, Mike Hooper (arrived 5:10 pm)

Mayor Hooker opened the worksession at 5:00 p.m with all members present.

Donation to Leavenworth Area Development

Gary Carlson, director for Leavenworth Area Development (LAD), was present to answer any questions the council might have regarding the services provided by LAD. Mr. Carlson explained the organization members include City of Leavenworth, Lansing, Tonganoxie, Basehor (excludes Linwood and Easton), County of Leavenworth and sixty-six (66) businesses. LAD provides services that most cities cannot afford themselves. Mr. Carlson stated "Basehor has not contributed equally from the other cities and is not fair to the other partners, the per capita cost is much lower than other cities".

Mayor Hooker wanted it understood that he was not the only member of the governing body that was opposed to giving the \$500 donation. The mayor noted he is concerned about keeping the City's expenses down.

Councilman Espinoza expressed his dissatisfaction with the "tone" of the letter sent to Mayor Hooker from LAD president, Dan Gutshall. He referred to specific paragraphs in the article.

Councilman Odle stated he was not pleased with a LAD member (Susan Guy) opposing ordinances and actions made by the City of Basehor. He felt she should help support their decisions, not fight them.

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Council President Scherer stated he was in favor of making a donation to LAD, and suggests increasing the contribution to \$2,000. He felt the organization would be beneficial in marketing the Basehor community.

Councilman Gratny stated he would be in favor of renewing the City's membership with LAD with a \$500 contribution.

Councilman Garcia reported he feels that LAD has been beneficial to the City with regards to implementing the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Enterprise Zone, but feels that city staff could compile the information that is provided on LAD's website.

The governing body discussed the past services provided by the organization, as well as, the pros and cons of renewing their membership.

Mayor Hooker thanked Mr. Carlson for attending the meeting and reported the Council will take action at their next meeting.

Transportation Excise Tax

Charter Ordinance No. 10, creating a Transportation Excise Tax, was passed by the city council and received a protest petition on January 25, 2002. The petition calls for the council to place the question on the ballot to allow the residents of Basehor to vote on the tax. The charter ordinance would allow for a charge of .09 cents per square foot on new construction. The funds collected would be used for repair and construction of arterial streets.

Mayor Hooker reported he spoke with four residents of Basehor who signed the petition and all expressed concerns about the clause that charged the excise tax to residential property owners who remodel more than 51% of the valuation of their homes. The mayor suggested removing this clause.

The council discussed various ways to collect funds necessary to build roads and other types of ordinances that could be passed. Code Administrator, Mike Hooper, stated the City could go back to the original plan of implementing a 5 mil tax increase and road impact fee or perimeter ordinance.

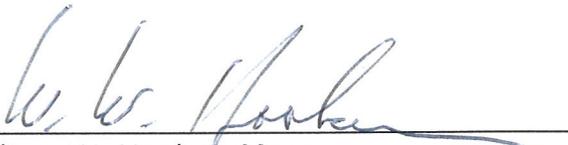
Council directed the city clerk to place the matter on the February 19 meeting agenda and to check with the county clerk as to when an election could be scheduled.

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There being no further business to discuss, the worksession was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted for Council approval with/without corrections this 19th day of February, 2002.



William W. Hooker, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. Mogle, CMC