

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL/WPS COMMITTEE

March 5, 2013

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President John Willingham, Vice-President McInturff, and Vice-Mayor Veach; School Board Chair John Bishop and School Board members Mel Thomas and Vince Di Benedetto

STAFF: City Manager Dale Iman, Emergency Management Coordinator Lynn Miller and Planning Director Tim Youmans; WPS Superintendent Rick Leonard and Executive Director Kevin McKew

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- Approval of February 5, 2013 Minutes
 - On a motion made by Les Veach, seconded by Mel Thomas, the minutes of the February 5, 2013, Council/WPS Committee were approved unanimously as presented.
- Public Input on John Kerr Elementary School
 - Kevin McKew presented an update on the John Kerr Elementary School project. He stated the project is being driven by the aging infrastructure at John Kerr and over capacity at the elementary level. The options being considered are to renovate the current building, build a new building on the same site, and build a new building on a new site. He stated staff is also looking at future options for Frederick Douglas Elementary School which could include renovating and expanding the building. The expectation is to adopt a plan for the elementary facilities and forward it to Council in June.

Peter Sarafin of North Braddock Street stated he is currently in the John Kerr area and asked when redistricting will be discussed. Chairman Bishop stated redistricting will be discussed once the location is selected. It will probably be 1 ½ years out.

- FY14 Budget Update
 - Rich Leonard presented a brief update on the FY14 budget. He stated staff received new information today that needs to be included but some of the recommended positions have been scaled back. The School Board will meet later in the month for final changes with a second reading in April.
- Communications Tower Update
 - Lynn Miller presented a brief background on the Emergency Communications project. He stated the current system lacks interoperability, has exceeded the life expectancy of the equipment, and does not meet FAA narrow banding regulations. The site for the new communications tower has been selected on Jefferson Street and will be on the Utilities compound instead of on land owned by the School Board and the Handley

Board of Trustees. The tower will be a lattice type tower that is 250 feet high. It will sit on three legs and taper to the top with no guide wires. There will be a red light on top.

- On a motion by Milt McInturff, seconded by Mel Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.