

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

September 25, 2013

The special meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Dave Harrison, Vice Mayor Janet Willimon, Dean Aragon, Joe Denoyer and Ron Warren.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Finance Director Chris Ford, City Clerk Debbie Giskie and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

ITEM 1. USD 480 Financing Discussion.

City Manager Hall explained a meeting with U.S.D. 480 representatives was held recently with Mayor Harrison, Commissioner Denoyer and City staff. He noted the meeting was held to continue discussion and no commitment on either party was made on a financing agreement. He explained what came from the meeting is that each board would begin a discussion with their respective boards. He noted the purpose of today's meeting is to have an open discussion and to come up with questions that U.S.D. 480 could answer.

- Mayor Harrison explained he had offered his personal proposal to start the discussion during the meeting. He explained he thought of this proposal on his own and it came as a result of listening to the school officials that first night and feeling that we wanted to do something, but just didn't know how and why. He advised his proposal was to offer up to 1/2% sales for U.S.D. 480 for the school project for a maximum of 25 years and at the same time, the City would like to put a 1/2 % sales tax question on the ballot for the City as well. He noted this would mean that there would be three (3) questions on the ballot; the bond issue, allocate 1/2% sales tax for the U.S.D. 480 school project, and finally 1/2% sales tax for the City's use.
- Discussion was held on concerns and issues regarding bond project, the estimated dollars to be generated, the status of State financial assistance for the bond project, the mill levy amounts and the level when sales tax is too high. It was noted this would be a leap of faith and would show that two entities are working together to do something positive in the community.

It was the consensus of the Commission to present the taxpayers with the opportunity to vote for the U.S.D. 480 school project by offering one-half percent (1/2%) sales tax for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years or the life of the bonds, whichever is less.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Commissioner Warren.

ATTEST:

Dave Harrison, Mayor

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk