

COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Charles City City Council met in a special joint session with the Floyd County Board of Supervisors on September 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor James Erb presided for the city and council members present were Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, Delaine Freeseaman, Dan Mallaro and Michael Hammond. Also present from the city were city administrator Steve Diers, assistant city attorney Brad Sloter and public safety director Hugh Anderson. Chair Mark Kuhn presided for the county and other supervisors present were Roy Schwickerath and Doug Kamm. Other county officials present were auditor Gloria Carr and chief deputy Jeff Crooks.

Motion by Freeseaman, second Joerger to approve the agenda. Ayes - 5
Motion by Schwickerath, second Kamm to approve the agenda. Ayes - 3

Mayor Erb commented that we have several facilities to review in the city, such as the jail, city hall, old middle school, YMCA, Sportsmen's Park and the high school. All groups are trying to get their respective facilities modernized. An event center has also been mentioned. The city has a goal setting session and comprehensive plan formulation coming up and we need to be sure to prioritize our projects so we know how to move forward.

Supervisor Chair Mark Kuhn stated the county is looking forward to cooperating with the city.

City administrator Steve Diers reviewed the process the sub committee completed in determining which consulting firm to choose for the joint law enforcement study. They met with four firms and after those interviews, they narrowed it down to two that they were interested in. Prochaska and Associates quote had two phases: Phase 1 was needs design concept and Phase 2 was designing. Each phase would cost \$15,000. The other firm was Skott and Anderson and their quote was also two phase and was more broad. That total quote was closer to \$60,000 and included some items that could be possibly taken out such as site location research and work on a unified law concept. The sub committee is recommending Prochaska because they had a lot of experience in building jails. The sub committee also discussed what the scope of services should be. The concept of unified law enforcement, which is the concept where there is one overall entity providing law enforcement services for the entire county, was discussed. It was noted that none of the firms interviewed had any experience with the unified law enforcement concept. Also, Prochaska did not have any costs included in their quote for studying unified law enforcement concept whereas Scott Anderson did have some costs included in their quote for this. Council member Joerger stated that the city council had discussed unified law enforcement at their meeting Monday night and there was really no interest on the part of the city in pursuing unified law enforcement at this time, but are interested in studying a joint law enforcement center where the individual entities would operate from the same building. Auditor Gloria Carr stated that there are a couple counties in Iowa who have unified law enforcement now, but if the city has no interest in looking at that, we shouldn't waste the money on having it studied. Supervisor Schwickerath wants us to really look at as much joint effort as possible, citing the success of the CVTC joint street/roads maintenance facility. Joerger commented that the sheriff being an elected position makes the unified law enforcement not as desirable from the city's standpoint. We would have no control over who heads the law enforcement. Supervisor Kamm remarked that the other counties that have unified law enforcement are made up of many smaller cities, not one big city and the rest smaller like Floyd County has. Supervisor Kuhn stated that he had been in favor of studying the unified law concept but after witnessing firsthand how well the city and county law enforcement worked together during the recent flood event, he thinks we should just focus on the joint law enforcement center and keep the door open for unified law enforcement in the future. Mayor Erb commented that the city is not committing to a joint law enforcement center yet, they just want to study it to see what the positive and negative points might be.

Motion by Joerger, second Starr to hire Prochaska and Associates to conduct a study of a joint law enforcement center. Ayes - 5

It was decided that the sub committee would meet to look at the proposal from Prochaska and possibly take some items out that would bring the cost down. They will also outline with Prochaska exactly what we want included in the study.

Motion by Schwickerath, second Kamm to hire Prochaska and Associates to do a study on a joint law enforcement center. Ayes - 3

Council member Starr asked how the cost of the study would be divided. Consensus was to share it equally.

Council member Hammond asked about including study on moving the police department and city hall over to a new building since a combined building was one of the options provided by SEH which received higher marks from the previous public input session. Consensus was that this study would not address any costs of moving city hall since that would not be a concern of the county, only affects the city.

Motion by Starr, second Freeseaman to adjourn. Ayes - 5.

James A. Erb, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk