

Work Session began at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

Absent: None.

City Manager Schooley informed the Commissioners of the following items:

#### WOLVERINE TOWER

The City has been in talks with Wolverine Pipeline since 2013 in an effort to take possession of the radio tower on their Bridge Street site. There have been a number of agreements drafted back and forth between the parties. He believed we had finally come to terms with some of the easement issues and asked the city attorney to forward the information the back to Wolverine. At that time, we began to make plans to take possession of the tower. In 2014, JJ Tower Services completed a Tower Inspection Report for the City. The report indicated that the tower was in good shape, but would require the following maintenance:

- the cable tensions were above specs (thus causing the tower to be not in plumb)
- Tower must be repainted
- Anchor heads are partially buried and the lower turnbuckles are buried. They must be above ground.
- The anchor cages around the tower need to be replaced
- Tower photo cells are nonoperational and the side markers are out.

Alan Leute and I paid a visit to the site after discussing easement and access. We believed upon inspection that:

- power for the tower currently comes from Wolverine. The electric would need to be re-run from the Transportation Center.
- The location of the agreed access to the site would require a drive to be constructed from the Transportation Center drive north to the site.

Our estimated cost of taking possession of the tower and making it functional is in the \$50,000 - \$60,000 range. This does not include the cost of renting a crane in order to work on the tower. Alan has talked with the DPW staff and found that they are not having any communication issues in the city. I have contacted our radio vendor who advised he could lease us space on a tower for transit at \$2000 per year. I believe this is a more cost-efficient way to operate, and I suggest we terminate our pursuit of the Wolverine tower.

#### BUILD A DREAM PARK UPDATE

As you know the Dream Park Committee has had remarkable success and reached their goal for the rebuilding of Wright Park. We are very fortunate to have such committed, caring volunteers in our community. This is a project has brought our community together and will be enjoyed by all. The Committee has sent a couple items for our consideration. First of all, the commission will be asked to approve payment of \$73,238.41 for the last of the actual playground equipment. That will be a part of the April 10<sup>th</sup> agenda. The committee would like to be able to include poured in place rubber flooring under the entire project. Currently the rubber flooring is only scheduled for certain parts of the playscape. They are requesting we consider a \$10,000 contribution to assist with the \$144,636 total cost. This would negate the need for the City to put down, and maintain wood chips in the playscape area. They have obtained a quote for port-a john's from Guietts's Port-a john. The Committee would like input as to the City's interest in this discounted rate for this summer and next. To be noted, the parks board has had discussion of cleaning up and refurbishing the Wright Park bathrooms for this