

Building Committee Meeting: Minutes

Thursday, January 13, 2022

6:00 pm at the courthouse

Members present:

Richard Harsh Dwight Jewell David Nollner
John Oliver Steve Whittaker

Members not present:

Ken Buckmaster Richard Johnson

Others present:

Mayor Chambers Cliff Sallee Steve Paxton
Two representatives from Trane Air and Heat

Chairman Harsh called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

-In further progress on having to update or replace the heating and cooling system of the courthouse, Trane Industries has submitted a bid on what it would cost to replace the old system. This estimate was based on an exhaustive examination of our present system. It was noted that presently the courthouse has two separate systems, one for heating and one for cooling. Because of this, the building cannot go easily from using one to using the. In the spring and the fall this results in days when all you can do is heat, even though the day is hot...and the opposite in the fall. Their bid would give one us system, much like those used in homes where you set the temperature for the building and the system heats or cools to meet that mark.

Their new system would also take the furnace out of the basement of the courthouse and replace the old duct work and provide a better handling of fresh air which would be healthier, especially in dealing with such problems as the ongoing pandemic.

Another consideration was that there is a good possibility that much of the cost of a new system can be paid for with money from the American Recovery Plan Act.

The Trane estimate was \$820,000.

The mayor has not received estimates from any other company.

The representatives from Trane explained their bid and answered questions from the committee members.

Motion to recommend this system to the full commission for their approval and to recommend that the Finance Committee look into using any available funds from the American Recovery Plan Act.

Motion by Dwight Jewell, second by David Nollner, passed unanimously.

-Cliff Sallee updated the committee on progress in getting the Election offices ready for occupancy. The wood for the floors has been ordered and received and will be put down in the next few weeks. One heating and cooling unit has been removed and is being rebuilt and should be in place after the floor is put down. Painting has been done and the lock on the vault is going to be repaired. The office should be ready by the first of February, which is the date they have set to move in.

-The mayor then addressed the windows of the courthouse. In the upstairs court room, window blinds have been put in and attractive shades for the upper windows. Bright sunlight entering the windows during meetings has been a problem. This takes care of that.

-However, the mayor has had trouble finding someone to re-glaze the old windows and paint them but is still looking. Mr. Sallee reported that he did not have any employees who had experience in glazing.

-The Criminal Justice Center and the Jail were next on the agenda.

Because other committees have met with the sheriff and determined that the county needs a new jail, the building committee is getting involved. It is necessary for the county to take the next step, which is to have a Requisition For Qualifications. This means that the county needs to determine the size and requirements for a jail that would meet the county's needs and satisfy existing code requirements set by the state. It is only after this can be determined that a cost estimate can be made, financing arranged, location secured, architects hired, and construction begin.

Motion to move forward on a RFQ . Motion by David Nollner, second by Steve Whittaker, passed unanimously.

At the same time, Chairman Harsh requested the committee members to begin thinking how the old jail building could be used after a new jail is built and occupied.

-The Health Department has requested a small addition to their current facilities on East Main Street. This addition, which includes another examination room and needed storage, may also qualify for the American Recovery Act funding. The committee had no action to take on this. Exact size, cost estimates, etc. need to be done before work can start.

Meeting adjourned