

Citizens' Advisory Committee
November 13, 2012

Present: Grace Brandl, Janet Breuer, Jerry Censky, Pat Chermak, Roger Drape, June Kramer, Linda Hunter, Anthony Mack,, Charles Stangel, Gloria Wallace

Guests: Mayor Nickels, Ralph Kramer, Jean Censky as well as a group of students from Roncalli: Megan Kramer, Megal Prather, Jill Gauthier, Austin Achter, Andrea Lohn, Anthony Marchlewski, Shelby Thompson, Rachel Maczynski, Vince Schad, Emily Halvorsen, Grett Giesen.

Tony called the meeting order at 4:00.

Mayor Nickels said that the main issue he's been concerned with is the budget. He's also had a lot of emails and phone calls with regard to the historic mural on the old Budweiser building. The issue has been worked out with Riverside helping to maintain the mural as well as some other private funds raised. No public funds will be used. An ordinance will be before the Council to permit historic signs.

The ordinance for the proposed homeless men's shelter allows the committee search for another location if necessary. The conditional use permit requires very thorough vetting. It is on the agenda on Monday for the Committee of the Whole.

Steve Corbeille, the Finance director, summarized the budgeting principles involved in the mayor's budget. Due to many years of borrowing, the debt for bonds is coming due, the highest payment in 2013. The hope is to have the budgeting restructuring done to have a balanced structure by 2018. Borrowing will be reduced. Money will be saved to purchase new vehicles and ambulances and some IT costs rather than borrowing.

The Contingency Fund of \$200,000 was created to take care of emergencies or unexpected expenses. The Finance Committee budget is slightly more than the mayor's.

If the Council approves the budget, the entities involved can count on the money.

Our next meeting will be December 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hunter, Secretary