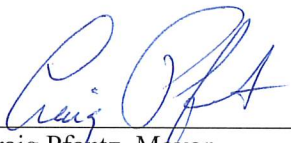


STATE CENTER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2023 6:00 P.M.

- Mayor Pfantz opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Present were Quick, Darrow, Grant, Nichols, and Shaffar. Absent: None. Also present were L. Bearden, M. Kielly, and B. Pfantz.
- Darrow moved to adopt Res. 24-26 setting a public hearing December 26, 2023, to hear comments on proposed general obligation police vehicle acquisition lease-purchase agreement with principal amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. Nichols 2nd; Res. 24-26 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Kielly reviewed a report he had prepared covering 5 options for moving with a fire station project. The scenario that appeared to be favored by the council during discussions was to pursue renovating and adding on to the present fire station. This scenario appears to be agreeable to the fire department. There was much discussion on whether the project could be done in multiple steps. Motion by Shaffar, 2nd by Grant approving an agreement with Studio Melee for “conceptual planning for renovation & addition and updating schematic design package for budget pricing” in amount of \$6,440.00 with meeting attendance to be billed separately. There was discussion regarding whether council should hold off on the contract until it is known if the city can acquire the opera house building. Motion passes 4-1 with Darrow voting against. There was further discussion on whether our agreement with Greiner Construction could carry over to the new concept. There are differing thoughts. Legal council will be sought regarding this. It was discussed that there would be transparency in communication between Studio Melee, the fire department and council.
- Also included in Kielly’s report were thoughts for including townships, council, and the fire department in fund-raising.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:



Lori Bearden, City Clerk