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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

The City Council met in a closed session at 7:24p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, during a recess of a regular meeting. The Clerk reported that the following Council members were:

PRESENT: David Ayres
Bill Dettmers
Scott Tweedy
Tom Stalcup

ABSENT: Jeremy Plank

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY:

City Manager Steve Palen stated with the previous council there was discussion regarding the 9th Street detention pond project. This project is designed to remove that area out of the flood zone. There are around 650,000-cubic yards of dirt that would need to be hauled off and the cost averages around \$15 per cubic yard.

The previous council had made the decision for the City Manager to approach the owner of the property next to where the detention pond is being dug to possibly purchase some acreage. The owner was asking around \$40,000 per acre. City Manager Steve Palen stated he has negotiated with them and offered \$28,500 which is going to cost the City about \$1,000,000 to purchase the property.

Councilman Dettmers asked for clarification on the number of acres the city would be purchasing.

City Manager Steve Palen explained it would be 30 acres that the city would purchase.

Discussion ensued regarding the building and the dimensions of the additional detention pond.

City Manager Steve Palen explained communications have taken place with FEMA to make sure that the area will be removed from the flood zone.

Councilman Dettmers asked what the cost of the project would be if the city did not purchase the property and hauled the dirt off-site.

City Manager Steve Palen explained the project would cost somewhere around \$12,000,000-\$13,000,000. He stated if the dirt is moved on-site with purchasing the property, the project would cost somewhere around \$5,000,000 - \$6,000,000.

Council members agreed for the City Manager, Steve Palen, to continue negotiations on purchasing the property.

There being no further business, the closed session adjourned at 7:35 pm.