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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

The City Council met in a closed session at 7:29 pm on Monday, May 15, 2023, during a recess, under old business, of a regular meeting. The Clerk reported that the following Council members were:

PRESENT: David Ayres
Bill Dettmers
Jeremy Plank
Scott Tweedy
Tom Stalcup

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY:

Councilman Dettmers requested a closed session regarding the purchase of property for the 9th Street detention pond project.

City Manager Steve Palen stated the bigger cost associated with the project would be hauling the dirt from digging the pond to an off-site location. The city has been looking into purchasing property east of the detention pond project. The owner was asking around \$40,000 per acre. City Manager Steve Palen stated he has negotiated with them and offered \$28,500.

Councilman Dettmers stated he did a calculation and if the 650,000-cubic yards of dirt were spread over the 30 acres it would raise the elevation almost 13 feet. He feels there should be a study to make sure there are no issues with raising the property that much. He stated he spoke with a firm and the study would cost somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

City Manager Steve Palen explained the current engineers performing the pond project would perform the studies necessary to make sure no issues would arise.

Councilman Dettmers asked how much time the city has in to make a decision on purchasing the property. He would prefer to have the studies completed prior to purchasing the property.

City Manager Steve Palen stated he has concerns about waiting too long because the sellers might not hold the price of \$28,500/acre as it was not easy to get them down from the \$40,000/acre.

There being no further business, the closed session adjourned at 7:38 pm.