

**STAYTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
RE: LOCAL OPTION LEVY  
January 09, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Mayor Vigil**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Scott Vigil	Councilor Jennifer Niegel
Councilor Larry Emery	Councilor Henry Porter
Councilor James Loftus	Councilor Brian Quigley

**STAFF:**

Don Eubank, City Administrator  
Christine Shaffer, Finance Director  
Dave Kinney, Public Works Director  
Louise Meyers, Library Director  
Rebekah Meeks, Pool Manager  
Rebecca Petersen, Deputy City Recorder

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS** – Mayor Vigil introduced Council members and Staff members present.
- 2. STAFF REPORT** – Mr. Eubank reviewed four different options for the tax renewal measure. Option 1: Target levy of \$386,000 at \$0.72 per thousand. The average tax bill would be increased by approximately \$36.00 per year, and would fund Library Operations, Pool Operations, Dehumidification System at the pool and would allow for uncollectible taxes. Option 2: Target levy of \$403,000 at \$.75 per thousand. The option would fund Library Operations, Pool Operations, Locker Room Remodel with 1/3 coming from the endowment, Slide Repair & Relocate with 1/3 coming from the endowment, Dehumidification System, and would allow for uncollectible taxes. Option 3: Target levy of \$411,500 at \$.77 per thousand. This option includes Library Operations, ADA Doors & Modifications, Park Improvements using grant match dollars, Pool Operations, Locker Room Remodel with 1/3 coming from the endowment, Slide Repair & Relocation with 1.3 coming from the endowment, Dehumidification System and allowance for uncollected taxes. Option 4: Target levy of \$324,500 at \$.60 per thousand. The option would fund Library Operations, ADA Doors & Modifications, Story Teller Outreach – Local Match, Pool Operations, Locker Room Remodel with 1/3 coming from the endowment, Slide Repair & Relocate with 1/3 coming from the endowment, \$10,000 for Park Improvements, grant match, skatepark and, allowance for uncollectible taxes. The dehumidification system was removed from Option 4.
- 3. COUNCIL DISCUSSION** – Mayor Vigil stated people are against any new tax and the City needs to present an option that is going to pass. Council members agreed that a new HVAC system needs to be installed at the pool. Referring to Option 4, Councilor Emery stated the price for the ADA Doors & Modifications is a little higher than it should be. He asked if the current levy had any funding for parks; Ms. Shaffer stated no. Councilor

Emery stated it's tough times for everybody and the City should not put a burden on residents. Councilor Porter stated if the dehumidification system is not put in, the pool won't be usable. It's expensive but it needs to be fixed, possibly cutting other places in the budget could help fund it. Councilor Quigley stated there's probably structural damage at the pool already and the dehumidification system needs to be put in. The City needs to look at what's the right thing to do and not ask what is going or not going to pass. Councilor Niegel stated she agreed with Councilors Porter and Quigley that the dehumidification system needs to be put in. Councilor Loftus stated if the City can offer a flat rate figure with a specific project and a detailed explanation it would be more favorable to the voters. Times are tough and the rate needs to be the same or lower than they are currently paying. He suggested offering a split vote to see what the voters want, whether to fund the pool or the library. Councilor Emery suggested collecting funds into a reserve account for the first year, then install the new HVAC system in the second year. Mayor Vigil asked if the endowment would be willing to contribute to the HVAC system instead of the locker room; Mr. Eubank stated that option had not been discussed. Councilor Porter asked if anything was mentioned by the mechanical engineer regarding structural integrity of the pool. Ms. Shaffer stated he did not see any. Mr. Kinney stated the key is to lower the dehumidification in the pool as the current HVAC system is aging. If a new HVAC system is not installed, deterioration to the building needs to be monitored, especially moisture in the beams.

Consensus of the Council was that they are not comfortable with asking the voters to approve anything above the \$.60 per thousand, and that \$90,000 needs to be found in the budget to cover the additional funds needed.

**ADJOURN** – There being no more business to come before the Council the work session was ended at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Rebecca Petersen, Deputy City Recorder this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.