

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman John P. Purcell, Jr. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bill Shoemate, James Hanna, Janice Drewry, Robert Shanklin, Stanley Haywood, (Arrived @ 6:03 p.m.), Randy Warren.

ABSENT: Jay Burk, Jeff Patton.

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Mitchell, City Manager; John Vincent, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk, Col. Robert Bridgford, Fort Sill Liaison

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hanna to approve the September 9, 2008. AYE: Hanna, Drewry, Shanklin, Warren, Shoemate. NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider approving Resolution No. 2008-___ declaring an emergency to waive bidding requirements to lease and purchase two (2), 1996 model, 35-passenger NovaBus transit buses from Citibus, Lubbock, Texas and authorizing staff to develop a purchasing agreement for future action. Exhibits: Resolution 2008-___ and Memorandum from LATS General Manager with photo of bus to be purchased.

Steve Sherrer, Lawton Area Transit Manager, stated during the budget discussion in May the Trust was made aware of the aging fleet of the buses and the increasing repair bills they are encountering due to everyday maintenance. They have had some issues with axle failures with the vehicles and the parts have not been available to repair these vehicles. They are in a situation now where they have four vehicles that are either down or in stages of preventive maintenance. He stated they would like the Trust to authorize a resolution that would allow them to waive the bidding requirements to lease and eventually purchase two vehicles that would allow them to maintain their daily service. Right now they do not have any spare vehicles and if they had a major failure they would not be able to meet the daily route requirements. They are carrying nearly 40,000 passengers a month and dependability is key and they need to fix this problem.

Shanklin questioned if staff has driven these buses and who is responsible if the unit goes down.

Maintenance Director from LATS stated he had looked at both units and these were two of the best. He stated that LATS would be responsible for all repairs on the buses.

Mitchell questioned if the lease was for an initial period of time.

Sherrer stated the lease would be for a period of four months which would start in early-mid November. The lease will go to the Lubbock City Council on November 3rd.

Mayor Purcell stated the photos look like the buses are not low, like our current buses.

Sherrer stated there is a two step entry into the vehicle. The current buses are low floor, single step entry and ramp equipped. These vehicles operate with a lift instead of a ramp.

Mayor Purcell questioned if we were thinking about buying these for the long term.

Sherrer stated they will still be recommending a low floor vehicle that will be a single step ramp equipped vehicle.

MOVED by Warren, SECOND by Haywood to approve **Resolution 08-04** declaring an emergency to waive bidding requirements to lease and purchase two (2), 1996 model, 35-passenger NovaBus transit buses from Citibus, Lubbock, Texas and authorizing staff to develop a purchasing agreement for future action. AYE: Drewry, Shanklin, Haywood, Warren, Shoemate, Hanna. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

JOHN P. PURCELL, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY