



Mayor – Sandy Sanders

Acting City Administrator – Jeff Dingman

City Clerk – Sherri Gard

Board of Directors

Ward 1 – Keith D. Lau

Ward 2 – Andre' Good

Ward 3 – Mike Lorenz

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At Large Position 5 – Tracy Pennartz

At Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At Large Position 7 – Don Hutchings

AGENDA ~ Summary

Fort Smith Board of Directors

STUDY SESSION

September 22, 2015 ~ 12:00 Noon

Fort Smith Public Library Community Room

3201 Rogers Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

- All present
- Mayor Sandy Sanders presiding

1. Continued discussion regarding firefighting contracts outside Fort Smith city limits
~ *Discussed at the July 28, 2015 study session ~*
Pennartz/Lorenz placed an ordinance adopting the recommended fees on a future regular meeting agenda, but requested such include a provision to allow any increase or decrease in fees be phased-in rather than being effective immediately. Per Fire Chief Mike Richards, the ordinance should be ready for the October 20, 2015 regular meeting.
2. Discuss potential revenue sources and additional budget reductions for 2015
~ *Pennartz/Lau placed on agenda at the September 1, 2015 regular meeting ~*
 - Revenue Source - franchise utility fee
The Board concurred that all necessary information has been provided for future consideration.
 - Revenue Source - prepared food tax
The Board concurred that all necessary information has been provided for future consideration. If the Board opts to levy said tax, it was recommended that such be accomplished via voter approval. This matter will be revisited in January 2016 for consideration.
 - Revenue Source - business license fees
Additional information regarding other cities categorization of fees was requested before a determination can be made to reinstate said fees.

- Budget Reduction - 401 Retirement Plan for non-uniformed employees
The Board concurred to review this matter in the 2016 Budget.
3. Review preliminary agenda for the October 6, 2015 regular meeting

OTHER:

1. Director Catsavis noted a recent notice from Cox Cable regarding an additional box fee and if the City maintains any authority to address.

Acting City Administrator Jeff Dingman simply advised the City of Fort Smith is no longer the franchising authority, but the State of Arkansas; therefore, the City maintains no authority.

2. Director Lau advised of a public meeting (Tuesday, September 22) regarding a drainage project on 46th Street and noted he's received multiple phone calls from area residents requesting a box culvert w/sidewalk be installed.

ADJOURN

1:10 p.m.