

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Members present when this meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoschouer at 6:30 p.m. included Trustees Mast, Law, Fraker, Campbell, Sherman and Wilson as well as Clerk Hartwell and Manager Nein. Attorney Wells was excused from the meeting. A quorum was present, and the meeting could proceed after the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Rhonda Graham and News Correspondent Vickie Sandlin.

Mayor Hoschouer gave a brief background on the current high school and the agreement between the Town and the School District that was signed October 5, 2020, as the original land swap agreement to demolish certain structures after the new K-12 facility is built and occupied by the students and staff. Mayor Hoschouer recapped the proposal by Don Schneider, County Commissioner, for the Town to donate the current high school and gymnasium to the County. The County will have several businesses, childcare services and the youth recreation program in the facility. Discussion followed.

Trustee Wilson remarked that the School Board Members and Superintendent Ehnes have secured a vendor to demolish the structures as agreed, but if the Town determines a new path and wishes to keep the facility intact, the final decision for the facility will lie with the BEST grant funders. The Town's decision is needed immediately, and the School District will ensure the BEST grant funders can review.

The question was raised if Don Schneider's proposal had the full support of the County Commissioners and Guest Graham responded the County is supportive of owning, maintaining and operating the facility and support his proposal. Following additional discussion, Trustee Law made a motion and seconded by Trustee Campbell to direct Attorney Wells to create an agreement for the Town to donate (or sell for \$ 1.00 if necessary) to the County the current high school facility when the School District has vacated the facility, and if in the future the County no longer wishes to own the facility, the County would be solely responsible for the abatement, demolition, clean up and finish work of the facility and giving the Town the first right of refusal to buy the empty lots for \$ 1.00 total. A unanimous roll call vote was heard.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Trustee Campbell and seconded by Trustee Law at 6:48 pm for adjournment.


MAYOR

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