

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Everett Cole, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Donald Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Sam Garza. Councilmember Leonard Lyon was absent and this was considered an excused absence. Also present were Bill Shaw, City Administrator; Debbie Kudrna, Debra Travis; City Department Heads and John Taylor, Adams County Economic Development Council.

#### ADAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT

John Taylor explained the role and past experiences of the Adams County Economic Development Council. He explained the role is to assist businesses in their start up and promotion and to act as a liaison for new and established businesses for funding assistance. Other areas of expertise are grant administration, assistance for exporting agricultural products, development of comprehensive plans for cities within Adams County, assistance in planning, involvement in tourism expansion and assistance in business retention, expansion, and recruitment.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Administrator Bill Shaw suggested changes to the Rodeo Lake Steering Contract, as was presented at the last Council meeting. These included explaining how the Chairman was appointed, the choice of the citizen representatives and provide an expiration or term of the agreement. Councilmember Cole expressed his concern of the completion of the agreement, and the city still being deeply involved in the project and assumptions of continued funding. He acknowledged the Council has agreed that the current funding of \$5,000 is final.

Bill Shaw stated the 1999 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan provided by Adams County will be back to the Council at the next meeting for consideration. If not adopted, the city would be responsible for our own plan.

#### RETREAT DISCUSSION

Bill Shaw presented and explained his research and the path that he recommended the Council have for their retreat. He referred to it as "Vision Quest". He explained there are three basic players in our organization: Policy Makers, Managers, and Stake Holders. With everyone's input during the planning process and the actual retreat, the goal would be to have a vision statement developed. Discussion was held on the "Stake Holders" being included in the process. Mr Shaw explained that through their involvement, the city would find out how the effect of what the city provides has on local industry and business and what the industries, entities and businesses have planned for the future and the effect that will have on the city. He stated this could be a very useful planning tool.

Further discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of allowing business, industry and other entities involved in the retreat. Mr Derifield stated the city needs to work on and evaluate the employees attitudes and images. Eleanor Brodahl expressed her concerns of not having a retreat last year and not having enough time to allow the input of "stake holders". Jeannie Ochoa stated she really wanted to discuss the upcoming budget restraints. Samuel Garza stated he is more centralized in his concerns and is hesitant of citizen groups being active in the retreat and would like to focus on budget concerns. He thought that written replies from these other agencies may be sufficient. Ms Ochoa concurred with this. Les Clemons commended Mr Shaw for his efforts, and stated the Council should reach out and gather outside information that may impact the community and the future of the city.

This will be discussed further at the upcoming meetings.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the workshop at 9:05 p.m.

Debbie L Kudrna, CMC  
City Clerk