

The meeting of the St. Francis Public Building Commission was held on June 1, 2016. Chairman Kelly Frewen called the meeting to order in the City Office at 5:05 PM. Members present were Bruce Swihart, Kelly Frewen, Carla Lampe, Roger Jensen, Holly Hingst, and Susan Dinkel. City Superintendent JR Landenberger was also present.

JR said that Miller & Associates will not oversee the construction on behalf of the city. They felt like we were rushing the process and needed to have more competitive bids. JR's impression is that they were disappointed that we didn't go with them, and had a loss of a job. He contacted EBH, a small engineering firm out of Goodland to see if there was any interest in them overseeing the building of the pool. Adam would be willing to do inspections, but he wanted it to be noted that he has very little experience with swimming pools.

We will need to contact GSI or Terracon for soil samples. The city is working with USD 297 Superintendent Rob Schiltz and the School Board to see if we will be able to build on the North side of the school lawn. Their next meeting is June 9. Hopefully, a decision will be made at this meeting. Roger volunteered to attend this meeting and visit with the school board.

JR expressed his concern with us needing to do the competitive bid process on the design-build pools. He presented 2 other names of pools building companies that may want to offer a bid. Continental Pools and Design Pool Aquatics, KC Gunitite & Sullivan Palmer Architects, and Larkin & Associates were the others. Bruce also agreed that we should do this. Bruce, Kelly, and JR will be on the committee to seek out these design-build companies and give the specifications we would like for our pool and ask for a "Request for Pricing." Hopefully, we will receive a bid by the next meeting.

Darrel Johnson was present to ask if it couldn't be open for 12 months since we are spending such a large amount of money on it. Those on the city council expressed their concern and the past discussion that was held, stating that at this time, it is just not financially feasible to do so.

Kip Rethke contacted Kelly Frewen and asked if Billy Rethke was going to get an opportunity to bid the project. He will be added to the list of the people who do this. It should be noted, he has only built pools for individuals, never for a municipality.

Susan and Holly talked a little about the added features and their costs. Nothing will be finalized until we see for sure until a later date.

Discussion then was held about how Carrother's Pools and other pools who have built recently have held up. We are going to contact several communities to visit. Council Grove - Susan, Cimarron - Bruce, Halstead - Holly, Presidio - JR, Belleville - Roger, Wakeeney - Kelly, Hoxie - Carla

Susan moved we adjourn. Holly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Dinkel, member