

Roll: Ron Walter, Acting Mayor  
Tammy Davis, Common Council  
Sue Moore, Common Council  
Eric Johnson, Common Council  
Ken Olin, Common Council  
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer  
Ted Miller, City Superintendent  
Jim Nichols, Police Chief  
Peter Cioni, City Planner  
Brian Moore, Fire Chief  
Gerald McNerney, City Attorney

Mayor Ron Walter opened the Public Hearing of the Common Council of the City of Butler at City Hall, 120 West Main Street at 7:33 pm.

He explained that this is a hearing to discuss a grant application to assist with building the new fire station. He then turned the meeting over to Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting.

Mr. Anderson explained that the grant will request \$500,000 with the City contributing approximately \$1,000,000. The full application is due October 2. The Grants will be awarded November 27. He also explained that because these are federal funds that the City is requesting, certain requirements have to be met, one of which is to hold two public hearings on the project.

Fire Chief Moore gave a description of the proposed new fire station. It will be considerably larger than the current station and will be built on a five acre lot that the City recently purchased.

Mr. Anderson then asked for comments from the public and fire fighters. These comments will all be recorded in the minutes that he is taking.

Many fire fighters spoke in support of the new station. Many of their reasons were: current station is too small, safety concerns for the fire fighters and the public that walk right in front of the bay doors every day, training issues, size of the doors versus new trucks that are being built, equipment sitting outside,

Chief Moore stated that the estimated cost of a new station that will fit their needs is about \$2 million. The City cannot afford to build what the department needs.

Meg Zenk stated that she has actually had the fire department respond to her home and that they are experts in their area.

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Mr. Anderson noted that there were children playing right in front of the bay doors as the meeting was taking place. He also reported that there will be another public hearing in September.


Mr. Anderson stated that the next public hearing would be an appropriate time for the Council Members to make their comments. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. McNerney asked that it be noted that no one spoke in opposition to the project.

Mayor Walter declared the public hearing closed at 7:47 pm.

  
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