

WORK SESSION

Work Session 01 : Drew Havens, Town Manager and Keith McGee, Fire Chief

MAYOR OLIVE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO MOVE THE WORK SESSION TO TRAINING ROOM A. COUNCIL MEMBER KILLINGSWORTH MADE THE MOTION; COUNCIL MEMBER DOZIER SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

Discussion ensued on future plans for maintaining an operating fire station at 210 N. Salem Street. Staff highlighted the history of the fire station. This is the most challenging work/live station. The previously designed renovation project was outlined. Staff stated the limitations identified by Davis Kane, the architects selected to estimate the renovations. The three renovation options were outlined. It would cost less to build a new building than to fully renovate the current building. This does not include, however, any surprises along the way.

Conversation ensued about Fire administration going to Mason Street with Inspections. The Fire Chief outlined the goal to cover 90% of our habitable jurisdiction with a five minute travel time from a fire station. EnviroSAFE evaluated and recommended solutions to fire station placement, the Chief outlining those solutions.

The question this evening was whether or not we wanted a fire station downtown. Council's thought was to demolish the building and build something else seeing as the current structure is not historic. The Mayor liked the presence of a fire station downtown; we should move Station 3. Council was not in favor of renovating the downtown building; we should move Station 3. Council stated she wanted to go back and look at her emails and apply her thoughts to those. Staff gave the history of why the two stations are so close together, one of the buildings starting out housing the volunteer fire department.

Staff reiterated that consensus of council was to maintain a presence downtown, the steps moving forward being outlined. There was discussion about honoring the volunteer fire department.