

Special meeting of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge to be held in the Town Hall on Monday, August 4, 1997, 6:30 P.M..

The meeting was called to order by Mayor George Stamos and roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Aaskov	Commissioner Kaleel
Commissioner O'Hare	Mayor Stamos

It was noted that Commissioner Bridges was absent with notice.

III. PRESENTATION BY PERSPECTIVE COMPUTER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES
A. Champion Computer Corp.

Town Manager Lanker introduced Steve Swann, representative from Champion Computer Corp.. Mr. Swann explained that computer networks are shifting back to server with consoles from main frame systems. He stated that he was proposing an all IBM system of the server, PCs, and the stations. This set-up would allow all the stations to have the same software which is loaded on the server and not different versions on different PCs.

Mr. Swann advised that his customers include Office Depot and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Swann explained that the only additional costs after installation would be the cost of new software. He advised that the new equipment will run at 1 million characters per second which is a good speed similar to the speed of the existing network. He commented that the only use of the old equipment may be the monitors and some wiring. He suggested donating the old computers to a school or another organization that could use them.

Comm O'Hare questioned what other municipalities have the same system which is being proposed. Mr. Swann explained that Deland will be the first municipality where he will be installing this system as it is relatively new.

Mayor Stamos questioned the software compatibility. Mr. Swann explained that it would be compatible with all the software currently on the system and Windows, Microsoft NT, and Microsoft 97.

Mayor Stamos asked what the time frame would be until total implementation of the new software took place. Mr. Swann explained that any time restriction would be on how quickly the employees learned and adapted to the new software which could be up to six weeks. He added that the new and the old software would be on the system simultaneously so the employees could make the conversion as they become comfortable and familiar with the new software.

Comm Kaleel asked if there was anything else that he would recommend that was not on the current proposal now that he has walked through the offices and seen what is currently available to the employees. Mr. Swann advised that his only change that he would recommend would be to

upgrade to Microsoft NT as opposed to Novell 4.11.

Comm Kaleel inquired how much support would be needed on an ongoing basis once the installation and training has taken place. Mr. Swann commented that he believed a full-time on premises position would still be warranted in case something happened with the system.

Mayor Stamos asked if the wires would be packaged. Mr. Swann advised that the wires would all be packaged and contained alongside the walls.

B. Computer Trouble Shooter

Scott Newsome, representative from Computer Trouble Shooter out of Delray Beach, explained that he is recommending an industry standard upgrade. He advised that his company assembles computers according to specifications provided by the customer. He stated that the software he is suggesting is for Office 97 which includes the basic office software. He added that he has never done work for a municipality although most of his work has been with network systems.

Mayor Stamos asked who his biggest customer is to which Mr. Newsome replied that it is the Delray Beach Library with twenty five work stations.

C. Waldec/Icon Technology Service

Abby Kennedy and Miguel Martinez were present as representatives of Waldec/Icon Technology Service. Ms. Kennedy explained that Waldec has had a service contract with Ocean Ridge since 1989. She added that Waldec has their own cabling and education departments which would be available to answer any questions for their customers.

Mr. Martinez, MIS Director of Waldec/Icon, advised that their company is one of the highest Novell resellers. This close relationship with Novell allows them to get answers from Novell whenever the need arises. He explained that Waldec is proposing an upgrade to a Novell 4.11 print server and a Windows NT work server. This system would allow the work stations to continue use without any down time if the server were to fail.

Comm O'Hare questioned why the quote from Waldec was similar to that of Champion except in the area of hardware/software installation. Mr. Martinez explained that their quote included a three year on-site warranty guaranteeing that if something went wrong, someone would be there to fix it the next day. He added that the amount includes installation and loading of the software of which the hourly rate quoted would be discounted for the Town as a government agency.

Comm Kaleel asked what other municipalities are served by Waldec. Ms. Kennedy advised that Oakland Park, Palm Beach County, Broward County, and the Supervisor of Elections are also customers of Waldec.

Comm Kaleel asked if there was anything they would add to the proposal now that they have a better understanding of the situation in the Town offices. Mr. Martinez stated that he could not answer that question.

Mayor Stamos asked what kind of training would be available for the staff. Ms. Kennedy replied that Waldec could provide on-site training or in their office in Ft. Lauderdale. Mr. Martinez added that Waldec would train Mr. Tait in all the applications so he could show the employees.

Mayor Stamos inquired if the Town could call with any questions once the new system is installed. Mr. Martinez advised that any troubleshooting would be free of charge for the first thirty days.

Ms. Kennedy advised the Commission that the quotes on the proposal are a few months old and that with the competition going on in the computer industry, the prices will possibly be lower with the savings passed along to the Town.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M..

Mayor Stamos

Commissioner Aaskov

Commissioner Kaleel

Commissioner O'Hare

Attest By:

Town Clerk