

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Bormann at about 7:45 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Simmons, Sanders, Wilkins, Angell, and Magley. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Phil Hoffman, Mark Mustain, Police Chief Dudgeon, Darryl Spauldin, and James Smith.

Comments for Citizens

Chief Dudgeon mentioned the passing of the wife of Patrol Officer Tim Kribbs. Dudgeon said that Kribbs expects to be returning to full duty soon. Bormann mentioned the passing of a former water department employee—Ronnie Ivy.

Streets and Sanitation

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Street and Sanitation Departments.

Hoffmann reported that he had received a good proposal from Braik Brothers for tub grinding of branches and stumps at the City's brush pit. Braik Brothers has provided the service for the last two years. The new quote is much cheaper than the \$4,363 for last year; Hoffman thought this was a result of new, larger equipment. Angell moved and Sanders seconded that the City authorized the tub grinding work to be done by Braik Brothers for \$2,600.00. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following up a request from Sanders and his constituents, Hoffman made a report on research concerning odor control of large dumpsters. Columbia said it owns its dumpsters and does occasionally clean some. Fulton does not own or clean any dumpster, leaving it to the customer. Dayne does clean dumpsters, but they bill extra for the labor. Staff has also researched some products. Some granular deodorizers are short-lived and ineffective. Sprayers can be mounted next to dumpster or on trash trucks, but can be expensive and are also only temporarily effective. The origin of the concern is mostly for dumpsters of a few downtown eateries, including grease containers (which are not part of City operations). Spauldin suggested carrying bleach sprayers on the trash truck. After a discussion with no clear resolution, Hoffman said he will talk to one or two customers and would later refine a proposal for City actions if needed.

Hoffman reported that the Miles Ditch projects were getting close to completion. The crew is working on walls and landscaping.

Hoffman has advertised in Fireside Guard for proposals for special paint to cover walls at 105 N. Allen. Sherman Williams and others have already said that they don't carry this variety. Staff will present a bid tab to the Board at a future meeting. Hoffman told the committee that all intended brick repair work is completed.

Water and Sewer Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Water and Sewer Department.

Behrns told Sanders that the sidewalk on the north side of Switzler which was excavated for replacement of a water service line will be replaced with gravel until replaced under the coming street project. Staff's intent is to have complete sidewalk running the full distance of Switzler between Howard Burton and Switzler.

Forsee recommend that City follow through with a previously-discussed step pay increase for water and sewer plant operator Chris Malloy. Chris has completed extra training and certification and exhibited good work habits for a significant time. The increase was included for mid-year in the 2012-13 budget. An ordinance will be on the next (recessed) Board agenda.

Forsee updated Committee on repairs to the main fire station. A urinal has been fixed and the sewer line unplugged. Staff added a clean out. Repairs to carpets and wall are being done by the firefighters.

Electric Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department.

Bormann mentioned a request for a mid-block street light on Eastmont. After a short discussion, Mustain was asked to update cost estimates for such a fixture and Behrns to provide copies of the City's policy for street light location. Mustain also briefly spoke about his ongoing research for better lighting fixtures, such as LEDs and magnetic induction lights.

Mustain presented a request for 20 transpondit radio units for three-phase AMR meter. He is low on stock and will be needing several for growth. The new versions will have 15-20 years of battery life. Sanders questioned the large number. Mustain said some of the current units were repurposed from the water department and are going bad. Wilkins moved and Simmons seconded to purchase 20 units for \$1,320.00. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mustain reported that the City's property insurance carrier has been pressing for a more frequent inspection of the substation breakers. It has been two years since the Wilson Street substation was checked, three years for the Burkhart substation. Mustain has received 2 bids for breaker testing and maintenance. Following Mustain's recommendation, Simmons moved to accept the proposal of Electric Power Systems for \$4,140. Wilkins second the motion. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mustain said he needs to order more distribution wire to be able to extend lines to the new Forrest Chevrolet site. He expects a bid tab to be ready for the next regular Board meeting.

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Behrns told Magley that he had not received any response from Clifford de la Rosa concerning a letter about the Narraganset Building.

The Committee adjourned at about 9:10 p.m.