

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, November 5, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Bormann at 7:00 p.m. Present were Aldermen Simmons, Sanders, Wilkins, and Magley. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Phil Hoffman, and Mark Mustain.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments for Citizens

There were no citizen comments.

Water and Sewer Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Water and Sewer Department. No members had any questions.

Streets and Sanitation

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

Hoffman noted that his department had concentrated on catching up with street repairs and utility patches.

Hoffman reported that all construction work on the Miles Street Ditch west of Miles Street had been finished. Some landscaping work and grass seeding will have to wait until Spring growing season.

Staff had expected to present quotes on replacing one or both of the remaining heaters in the Street Barn. However, one of the vendors had been asked to clarify a proposal. Hoffman expects that the results can be given at the meeting next week and approved by the Board at its regular meeting on the 19th.

Electric Department

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

Mustain presented separate bid tabs for pad-mount and pole-mount transformers. The Electric Department has recently completed burial of line on the south boundary of the Southwest Circle Subdivision. This leaves City stocks low, and more will be needed for the second phase of Cobblestone Lake Estates.

Staff recommended taking the low bid in each case. These will be: T&R Electric for five conventional 25kVA transformers and five 25 kVA CSP pole-mount units, for a total of \$4,250.00; and Arkansas Electric for 10 25kVA pad-mount units, for a total of \$11,600.00. Approval to purchase will be on the regular Board agenda on the 19th.

Mustain said that two decorative street lights had been struck by vehicles and destroyed. He only had one in stock, so he will be presenting quotes for replacements at a meeting in the near future.

Police Station Roof Repair

Behrns had mailed bid packets to two local contractors for repair of the roof at the Police Station. The bids were to be only for labor performed by an individual, so as to avoid requirements for prevailing

wages, e-verify, and OSHA training. The two vendors were the only ones to supply contact information in response to a newspaper ad. Neither received the packets, so Behrns is re-mailing them with a new deadline of November 9. Behrns said his intent was to provide a City truck for demolition debris and buy the materials directly from LaCrosse. He believes the cost of all materials will be about \$3,400.00.

City GIS Program

Behrns has contacted the Mid-Mo Regional Planning Commission about furnishing GIS services. Their's is a small operation, but they have done work for a few cities and counties. More of their work has been in the realm of mapping streets and zoning. They would use a version of ArcView. Behrns is not sure of their target accuracy level and has not contacted any references.

Behrns has also review material on a flash drive given to the Mayor by personnel from Tri-state Engineering. Their's is an open-sources software. They would provide training and instruction to City personnel. The software will go to a one-foot accuracy, but Behrns has not confirmed if they can get tighter. Bormann said that one-foot is not sufficient in the longer run. Few references are available, but Behrns will be researching them to see if this route is as good as that proposed by Midland GIS. More information will be reported as it is gathered.

As May Arise

Magley said that the Kansas City Southern Railroad crossing on Allen Street had been repaired, but he judged the asphalt work to be rougher than before their crew started. Behrns and Hoffman will look into it and contact the Railroad.

Behrns said that the General Government Committee meeting will be on Tuesday of next week, because of the Veteran's Day holiday.

The Committee adjourned at about 7:19 p.m.