

**Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, April 1, 2013.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Bormann at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Simmons and Magley. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Mike Forsee, Phil Hoffman, Mark Mustain, James Lee, and James Smith.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grenke asked for a moment of silence in respect for his boss, Major Kelly David Messerts, who died on Easter Sunday.

Comments for Citizens

There were no comments.

Electric Department

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

Mustain told the Committee that his department had begun work to relocate the power lines running in the easement just east of Rollins Street from Cox Street to Gano Chance Drive. This long stretch of more than three blocks has many fences and trees. Moving the lines underground will eliminate an area of system vulnerability. As part of the project, the department will have to set up pad-mount metering cabinets for primary 3-phase service to the High School (which is already underground from the metering point to the various buildings of the High School). Mustain presented bid tabulations from three vendors for the equipment. Low bidder is \$12,920.00 from HD Supply of Columbia. Because only three aldermen were present, the item will be put on the agenda of the regular Board meeting for approval. Mustain noted that there will be future bidding for a great deal of additional supplies for this project.

Magley asked Mustain to look at a leaning pole at Southgate and Jenkins and repair or replace it if necessary.

Streets and Sanitation

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

When asked, Hoffman told the Committee that the manufacturer's recall on the new truck was to replace a piece of hazardous wiring.

Hoffman presented a bid tabulation for various sizes of pipe needed to install stormsewer on Switzler Street prior to reconstructive paving. Lowest bidder was Water and Sewer Supply of Columbia in the total amount of \$1,616.00. This purchase will be up for approval at the first Board meeting that has a quorum.

The Mayor commended city staff for their good work on snow removal on March 24.

Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee present bids for a new pipe trailer. The present trailer is deteriorated and unsafe at highway speeds. Herndon Welding bid \$2,100.00, but we would have to buy \$650.00 of tires from D & D, so a complete cost would be \$2,750.00. Maxwell Trailers from Mexico bid \$2,600.00 and Hughes Bros. Bid \$3,150.00. Various committee members indicated that they lean awarding the bid to Herndon, since the bids were so close and Herndon was local. James Smith asked if any bid had been solicited from Spirit Machinery. He was told that we had not; we did not think of them as a potential vender for trailers. After discussion, Forsee was told to contact Spirit and see if they wanted to submit a bid. Again, the matter will be deferred until the regular Board meeting.

Forsee reported that he had secured quotes on replacement of three remaining doors at the water treatment plant. One door will need to be totally replaced, including the frame. Two will only need to only have the doors replaced within the existing frames. LaCrosse Lumber can supply the materials for \$2,597.62. 5 Oaks Associates quoted on the labor to reinstall the frames in the masonry for \$1,060.00. This would make the total project \$3,657.62. The City would not need to use an option for installing the other two doors, since this can be done by Water Department staff.

Forsee told the Committee that Brenntag had confirmed that they will stay with their current price of \$.44/lb for chlorine for water treatment. The only other vender had quoted \$.54/lb. No Board action is required.

Behrns said that he had received an executed Conveyance for the sewer mains in Cobblestone Lake Estates Plat 2 Subdivision. There will be an ordinance on the regular Board agenda to authorize acceptance of the mains by the City.

Forsee mentioned that the water department would no longer be taking water samples to Columbia for submittal for Bac-T tests. The time for mailing is frequently too long for the test results to be acceptable. From now on, the samples will be taken to the Department of Health in Mexico. There is no charge for this.

During the last round of meter reading, the laptop reader was not getting signals from the water meters. The department was able to borrow a portable reader from Public Water District No. 4 in Hallsville. Forsee wanted to publicly thank them.

The Water Department is presently painting water valves and other utility fixtures with spray paint. This is in preparation of the Midwest GIS crews coming to Centralia to start field work soon. Bormann noted that he will be placing three or four permanent survey monument in the south and west part of the City for inclusion in the GIS data base.

#### As May Arise

Behrns noted that Mike Vega, one of the electric linemen, is leaving City employment on April 4. An ad will be in the paper Wednesday announcing the open position.

The Committee adjourned at about 7:25 p.m.