

## Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, May 5, 2014.

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

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Comments from Citizens

None.

### Street and Sanitation Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Street and Sanitation Department. Hoffman told the Committee that activity for Clean Up Week had seemed slow, although Behrns said that 54 tons of waste had been collected, more than last year and about the same as the year before.

Hoffmann and Behrns presented a tabulation of bids for hot-mix asphalt overlays for deteriorating streets. The low bidder was APAC at a price of \$68.10 per ton. No other bid was close, and this price seems terrific compared to the cost of overlays two years ago: \$78.50 per ton. The bid was for an estimated 2090 tons of asphalt for a list of street. Because this is such a low price, staff will monitor quantities as the work proceeds, and try to add deserving streets which had not made the original list. APAC has indicated that they may want to start the work in early summer, although the bid specs allow them a large window of time for completion. If the work is finished and billed before October, the Transportation Sales Tax Fund will be in temporary deficit until the annual Boone County check for a grant from their own transportation sales tax. The deficit will be covered by funds in the General Fund, but will vanish by the end of October. At the end of the fiscal year, the fund will have as much as \$148,000 for next year's projects.

Magley moved that the work be awarded to APAC at the bid price of \$68.10 per ton. Ward seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hoffman present quotes for a replacement tamper. The present piece of equipment is more than twenty years old and has been totally overhauled at least once. Hoffmann does not want to have it go down during a hot-mix patching job. The two quotes were very close, for exactly the same machine. Vollrath moved that the City purchase the tamper from Nu-Way in Jefferson City for a price of \$1,600.00. Magley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Magley asked Hoffman to look at a citizen's drainage complaint. Hoffmann said that property had a yard drain in one corner, which may have become blocked with leaves. He will monitor the situation. Bormann noted that there is historic shallow flooding throughout the City. It just had not been apparent for some time because of two years of drought.

Hoffman reported that the contractor may be in Centralia this week to perform tub grinding at the brush pit. The area is almost full and will yield a large volume of mulch and compost.

Hoffman said that the street crew is using the street sweeper and its vacuum attachment to clean out stormsewer inlets and basins. Where possible they are also dealing with leaf piles which are blocking ditches.

#### Electric Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department. Mustain elaborated on the power outage on the previous Sunday. A tree fell through lines on the Ameren system between Centralia and Moberly. Ordinarily, the power could come from an alternative path from Mexico, but maintenance was being performed on a substation in Mexico. After a brief attempt to serve from the east, that path was overtaxed and had to be dropped. The main problem was in a remote site and was not repair until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Mustain is taking bids for several types of materials for the work scheduled for this summer. He should have tabulations for conduits, wire, and decorative street lights available by the regular Board Meeting. Committee briefly discussed the auto accident which recently destroyed a light pole on Jefferson Street and then severely damaged a house.

#### Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee distributed a quotation for rehabilitation of the manhole at the intersection of Head Street and Howard Burton Drive. Rehabilitation is preferable to replacement because of the depth of the manhole and resulting extreme traffic disruption. Forsee acknowledged that the price was high. He intended to make further inquiries about alternatives and at least seek opportunities to lower the "marshaling" portion of the expense.

Behrns has started work on updating the irrigation contract between the City and farmers who apply treated wastewater to their fields. The present contract will end on December 31. The new contract should not be dissimilar to the present ten-year contract. The farmers are also preparing lists of repairs and replacements they will be needing during the next three years. Behrns will be trying to accomplish as much as he can in the Sewer Fund budget and treat the farmers equitably. Forsee said that we may want to start with pivot motors. The City can get a large discount if ordering more than 25. The farmers have suggested that they can replace those parts with their own labor. This item should be presented next month.

Forsee said that one of the lagoon sites is at minimum depth and the other is about three-quarters empty. The City will top off the farmers' ponds before they start irrigation. We are now at about three years without a discharge to Young's Creek. The overland flow site has only received enough effluent to keep the grass alive, and the farmers have used all of the water during the last two summers.

#### As May Arise

Behrns offered to give a daytime tour of City operations and property to the two new aldermen. Vollrath said she should be available after May 24.

The Committee adjourned at about 7:20 p.m.