

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, June 2, 2014.

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

Comments from Citizens

None.

Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee said he had located a less-expense quotation for rehabilitation of the sewer manhole at the intersection of Howard Burton Drive and Head Street. MCR Enterprises had done previous work for the City and told Forsee they would do that manhole and one other for a price of \$3,100. The alternative quote had been more than \$9,000 for one manhole, because the contractor's equipment would have to come from Kansas City. Wilkins moved and Vollrath second that the City award the work to MCR Enterprises. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Forsee described the need to place a 12" insert valve in the water main on Howard Burton Drive, just north of the Kansas City Southern Railroad tracks. Each time the nearest existing valve is turned, it gets weaker. Forsee will need the valve to isolate the water tower and does not want to risk the water supply to Hubbell's East Street building. The best price Forsee has been able to obtain was from HD Supply at \$9,850 for complete installation. Ward moved that the work be awarded to HD Supply at the stated amount. Magley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Forsee and Behrns have been meeting with the farmers concerning needed repairs and replacements on their irrigation pivot systems. The farmers presented probable needs for the next few years. Staff looked at the Sewer Fund budget and decided that the City was unlikely to do any sliplining project this year. Behrns determined that expenditure could be carried to the next budget; and the funds, instead, used for irrigation parts. This will allow the City to purchase gear boxes in quantity and at a significant discount. The City would then make fewer replacements next year. Forsee presented the best price for 36 center and 36 outer gear boxes and a replacement primer pump at the Sims pump house. Nebraska Irrigation quoted \$31,905.26 for the entire list, including freight. Wilkins moved and Ward seconded that the purchase be made from Nebraska Irrigation. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

The irrigation pivot tires have also shown great wear. The City would like to purchase 6 of the special pivot tires. Each farmer would receive two tires as emergency replacements. Tire failure rates will be reexamined next year. Wilkins moved and Magley seconded that the City purchase six tires from Dawson Tire and Wheel for a price of \$4,170 including freight. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

The committee packet had also included a quotation of possible purchase of a computer application for remotely accessing and data entry on the GIS system. Forsee said that the City is holding off on the purchase until there is more need. Utility crews are presently able to view the GIS data, but cannot enter information while in the field.

Street and Sanitation Department

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

Behrns said that the purchasing coop had bid out purchase of road salt for a two-year period. Low bidder, by a considerable margin was Independent Salt of Kannapolis, Kansas. The bid was structure so that one price was set for salt delivered at the vender's off-peak schedule, replenishment during the winter would be higher. The respective prices were \$61.24 and \$63.24 per ton delivered. In the second year, the respective prices would be \$63.24 and \$65.24 per ton. (The price for the past year was \$60.24). The City can generally store at least two truck loads (50 tons) in the salt shed. Since this was a multi-year contract, Behrns will prepare an ordinance for the next regular Board meeting.

Staff had nothing to report or discuss concerning stormwater or sanitation.

Electric Department

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

Mustain present a bid tabulation for purchase of decorative street lights. The City has no spares on hand and had to move an existing light from a less important location in order to replace one on Jefferson Street that had been damaged by a traffic accident. Mustain explained that 250 watt light fixtures are only used in front of the Middle School. Magley moved that the City purchase three decorative pole assemblies, one 150 watt fixture and one 250 watt fixture from Butler Supply, for a price of \$4,543.00 including freight. Ward seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

As May Arise

None.

The Committee adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.