

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Tuesday, September 2, 2014.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bormann at 7:15 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Andrea Vollrath, Dick Ward, Jim Lee, Langdon Magley. Also attending were Matt Harline, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee, and James Smith.

### Comments from Citizens

None.

### Electric Department

The committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department. Grenke reported that there was a problem with the street lights at Sims and Allen and also at Allen and Bruton going off and back on. Magley added that the second light in on Remington had the same problem. Mustain stated the light must be cycling. He said he would look at those.

Mustain gave a summary of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with BHMG. The proposed project is for the development of a plan to take additional electric service north out of Wilson Street substation, and under or over the Kansas City Southern railroad tracks to the north. It most likely will recommend boring under the rails. The eventual project would likely be done in phases. The contractor would bore, put in casing, then we would be outside the railroad right-of-way with conduit. We could move at our own pace to use extra circuits that are currently not being used or underutilized in the Wilson Street Substation and provide additional service to the north part of Centralia. Grenke asked about the eventually boring project. Mustain replied that the plan might call for a 6" casing with 4" conduit. He added that we will probably have to make two bores at each location. Mustain stated he understood six inches to be the maximum size bore allowed by the railroads. Bormann noted that would not be not big enough for water. Mustain stated that this was just preliminary info not clear about the rationale for the limitation. Wilkins moved and Magley seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with BHMG for engineering and planning for expanding the electric grid north. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Vollrath noted that she had been on Columbia Street between Lakeview and Gano Chance, and noticed how dark it was without street lights. She said that since this road runs right by the Intermediate School and it probably should be lit better. Mustain stated he was aware and had been planning to address that. There was a brief discussion about the standard to use and whether to use LED or high pressure sodium lights. Mustain reported that typically we set a light about every 300 feet, but have done closer near schools. Vollrath asked for a recommendation. Mustain said he could get some prices and bring back estimates for the price to put a street light at every other existing electric pole or about 300 feet apart. Mustain replied in answer to question from the Committee that with LED lights, the colors are whiter and some say that they can see better – maybe. He would probably recommend sodium based on what he has seen about the return on investment. Harline suggested that we look at both options and bring them to the Committee. Mustain said he would bring back the information.

### Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee reported on the recent water valve project on North Jefferson Street. The saddle on the

12" insert valve was not properly sized. He has spoken with HD Supply and we are not going to have to pay additional costs for shipping and remanufacturing the valve saddle.

Forsee reported that the sewer manhole rehab project was done.

#### Street and Sanitation Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Street and Sanitation Department. In answer to a question about a recall notice Hoffmann reported that it had to do with programming on dump truck. There were no additional comments.

Hoffmann reported that on his progress with sidewalk repair and construction. Harline noted that the sidewalk to the Intermediate School was completed.

Harline reported that the property owner at Booth and Maple approached him and asked if he could remove and not replace the sidewalk that ran the length of his property on Booth and terminated there. Harline reported that he had given permission for him to do so since there was not a network of sidewalks on the south side of Booth Street. However, Harline explained, the Board had to give approval to vacate the sidewalk formally. The Committee discussed the removal and had no objection.

Harline said that he had recently be talking to property owners about cooperating on sidewalk rehabilitation projects on their property. He had searched, the staff had searched, and even Mr. Behrns had been consulted and a formal written policy for the long-standing cost sharing policy could not be located. Harline would like to put in words the policy to cost share. The Committee agreed and asked that the policy be written up.

Harline reported that the sanitation staff had been doing extra pickups as a courtesy on occasion for commercial customers. In almost all cases it is done as a favor once in a while, like once or twice a year. Recently there have been a few commercial customers that have been requesting this service more than once in a while. Harline wanted to be able to charge for the additional pickups after maybe two in a year. This could be noted in the utility software. Bormann asked if we charged more for multiple scheduled pickups per week, and Hoffmann replied that we did. Bormann said that it is only fair to charge for additional pickups. Harline said he would proceed.

Hoffmann reported that the new recycling trailer was in service. Harline reported that he had been discussing the recycling program with Hoffmann and he thought there was some room for improvement. He asked the committee if they had any issue with a review of the recycling program to look for efficiencies and ways to increase participation. The Committee was supportive.

Harline presented the Committee with a quote for budgetary purposes that Midland GIS had submitted to add a stormwater layer to the City's GIS system. He noted that he was not asking the Committee to act on the proposal at this time. The price was \$32,000. Bormann noted that it was probably cheaper to do it all at once if we can put it in the budget. He stated that you could piecemeal it by drainage basin, but would end up costing more money.

Bormann reported on the unpaid intern that his firm had hired and loaned to the City GIS data entry. He suggested that next year the City could look for an intern to go street by street and

enter road conditions in to the GIS database. Maintaining the list at that point would be much simpler to do.

Other

None.

As may arise. APAC came through and did make repairs on Wesley Street. The sanded and sealed the street repairing the problem spots.

ADJOURN

There being no other business Borman called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Magley moved and Alderman Vollrath seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Committee adjourned at about 7:45 p.m.

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