

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, November 3, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bormann at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Dick Ward, Jim Lee, Langdon Magley. Also attending were Matt Harline, Larry Dudgeon, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee of the City staff, several members of the Centralia High School Varsity Cheerleading squad, their coaches, some family members of the cheerleaders and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Grenke read a proclamation for the High School Cheerleading First Place in the State championships. Terri Motley and Rebekah Kroph introduced themselves as the coaches of the cheerleading squad and thanked the Board and accepted the proclamation. Those cheerleaders present introduced themselves and announced who their parents were.

Water and Sewer Department

The Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Water and Sewer Department. Bormann asked for comments or questions and there were none.

Forsee commented on a report and a contract renewal from Hach. He mentioned that a copy of the maintenance contract renewal request was included in the packet. He said that the Hach contract provided maintenance on our automated notification system (SCADA). He stated that this is our saving grace with DNR. This SCADA system monitors our water operations 24/7 and can automatically call out Water Department staff through the police dispatch after hours. Forsee reported that Hach was very good at coming and working on stuff or answering questions. With this system Forsee stated that we can do some repairs in house, but four on-site visits are included in the contract. Forsee reported that Hach staff have stopped by on their way to another site and not counted it as one of the four visits; they are very good to work with.

Forsee reported that in the coming month he was looking forward to replacing some bad valves. Forsee had no additional comments on water.

Forsee reported that he found a pretty good sized sewer leak that we fixed. There is one outstanding sewer leak that a resident needs to fix. Forsee reported that he was looking for manholes that need to be replaced or lined next year as we did last month.

Street Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Street and Sanitation Department. There were no comments.

Harline reported to the committee that he had met with the high school and district administration today and they were very supportive of the sidewalk project. The first draft of the project budget shows that it will be well within the maximum \$500,000, closer to \$175,000. The City share would be around \$35,000 and would be in the FY2016 and FY2017 budget. We would project construction in the summer of 2016, so that we could target the summer months for construction but we would attempt to get the project completed in summer of 2015 if progress allows for it. Harline reported that he had been working with the engineer, Christina Luebbert and the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission's Katrina Williams. During his conversation with the

School District they mentioned the need for sidewalks on Cox as well, but said their priority was getting sidewalks on Jefferson Street. They also liked the idea of connecting a sidewalk from Jefferson Street to Eastmont drive along a strip of land owned by the City.

Bormann reported that he had been out with Luebbert and Williams looking at the project and noted that he was not going to get his wish that more storm water work could be incorporated into the project. It could have been a storm water project with sidewalks thrown in, but it is unlikely such a project would have been funded.

Smith asked why Cox Street had not been chosen for the project. Harline explained that the deep drainage ditches on both sides of Jefferson Street, the higher speed, and the fact the high school had identified it as a higher priority prompted the City to focus the project on Jefferson Street. Harline added that Jefferson Street sidewalks would connect a network of sidewalks that led to the Library and toward the City Park.

Sanitation Department

There were no comments or questions about the activity report.

Harline reported that ESS would be in tomorrow to sample the newer closed landfill. We also just received notification from DNR that the older landfill that closed in around 1971 will see change of status this year, which is a good thing. Harline reported Columbia raised their landfill rate to \$41/ton of trash. Hoffmann added that it has been \$38 prior to October 1, and only a few years ago it was \$32.50/ton.

Hoffman stated he had a few small drainage projects underway.

Electric Department

A. Activity Report

Grenke noted that it seems like lots of street lights are out. Mark said he had not noticed an increase.

B. Consulting Contract

Bormann asked for a report on the contract renewal with Harbour Consulting that had been included in the packet. Harline noted that he had spoken with Bob Harbour today and had a couple amendments to suggest. Harline stated that Aldermen Bormann noted reference to an Item 13 that was not in the draft contract. Harline suggested that we strike the words Item 13 and the contract should simply state that payment will be according to the rates in Attachment B; also the rate for vehicles should be set at the Federal rate for mileage which is currently \$0.560/mile. Harline explained that Harbour was hired by the City in 2010 to help the city with the last long-term power purchase in 2010. Harbour already had worked with Centralia, and the Cities of Hannibal, Marceline, Kahoka and this year the City of California was going to be joining the group. Costs are split by the participating cities according to energy usage. The City's options would be to renew the contract with Harbour, find a new consultant or develop the expertise internally. Harline recommended renewing the contract.

Other

Mustain mentioned that the City hired Andrew Alton as their new lineman. His start date would be Monday, November 17.

As May Arise

Harline asked the Council if they would be willing to hold a retreat on an upcoming Saturday in City Hall. He gave a few dates. Harline explained that the retreat would be about 3 hours long and would address major budget priorities, review the Citizen Survey, trash service, and other subjects that the Board might want to address.

Mayor reported that on November 10 the flags will be raised in the Cemetery at 3:30 and lowered at the same time on November 11.

Harline reported that he had received the final plat for Cobblestone Phase 3. That will be moving on the P&Z committee.

The Mayor announced that on January 17th CREDI will be holding its first annual State of the City fundraising event.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Borman called for a motion to adjourn. Magley moved and Vollrath seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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