

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee of the City of Centralia for Monday, January 5, 2015.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bormann at 7:06 p.m. Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Jim Lee, David Wilkins, Andrea Vollrath, and Langdon Magley. Also attending were Matt Harline, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee of the City staff, Tom Worthington of Paris, MO and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

The Committee met following a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

None

### **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

#### *Activity Report*

Bormann asked for comments and questions. Bormann asked if the Water Department had isolated the source of the “rags” they had reported were a problem. Forsee reported that they are closing in on the source and it seems to be in the Sneed street area. Forsee reported that they had to clean the bar screens again today and it has been very frequent. Forsee answered a question from Mayor Grenke by saying that the material may not be Swiffer mop attachments.

#### *Water*

Bormann asked for any general Water Department comments or questions and there were none.

#### *Water Capital Budget Requests*

Harline projected a spreadsheet on the screen of capital purchases from recent years and the requests for next year. Harline showed that for FY2016 the preliminary requests the water system SCADA may not be needed. Forsee said that there were some additional features that Lynn thought we could use. Forsee said that we are just now getting the remote meter reading and system analysis fully operational so these additions can be delayed a bit. The next item Harline said was a trencher that could help with service installation. Forsee said the price on the screen was high and Harline noted he did that on purpose to allow room. Harline said the next item was a valve insertion machine that could allow us to insert a valve without turning off service. Forsee said that the tool also cut back on calls to MDNR and boil order notices. Bormann asked how much a valve replacement cost and how many we have done recently. Forsee replied that an 8 inch valve replacement cost \$4800 and that the City has done seven valve replacements in the last three years. Forsee added that replacing a 4 inch valve cost \$4,100 because most of the cost was labor and travel. Forsee said valve and sleeve by itself were \$1,000 or less. Forsee said he had eleven valves he knows of that need to be replaced. Right now he needs to shut off from Railroad to Cox to shut off Fenton’s for example. In answer to Lee’s question Forsee said that the machine described here would handle valves from 4in to 8in. Harline noted that we still have not completed the 12 inch valve replacement over by Hubbell. Harline noted that this was preliminary and if he had forgotten something it could be added later.

#### *Sewer*

Bormann asked for general sewer questions and there were none.

#### *Sewer Capital Budget Requests*

Harline noted that there were not a lot of capital requests in the Sewer Fund. He stated that there

was less money in the budget for slip lining as we have done a lot this year. Harline noted that the amount for irrigation equipment was less than in FY2015. Forsee noted that we have stockpiles of valves and each farmer has two tires in reserve. Forsee clarified that we will probably do more feet in slip lining next summer, but it wouldn't cost as much as the manholes from last year. Harline asked if he had missed something. Forsee noted that there was an unknown for the water plant. Forsee reported that he needed to work with MDNR to see what they were going to require be done about the filters in regard to backwashing the lime at the water plant. Forsee replied to Bormann that it would be better to work this out in March or April. Harline said that we could dip into the reserve or try and budget for it.

#### *Other*

Bormann asked for any other questions and there were none.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### *A. Activity Report*

Vollrath noted that new LED streetlights were in and she liked them. Harline asked if there was a light-dark issue. Vollrath noted that there was a bit but it was much better. Mustain noted that it was acting like a collector street and we might eventually put an LED light on every pole. Mustain also said we might look at replacing all the 250W cobra head high-pressure sodium lights on Hwys 124 and 22 because the payback would probably be quick enough to justify the replacement. Harline reported that the City of Independence had described their city-wide replacement project at the recent MPUA conference. Mustain replied in answer to Magley's question that each light head cost about \$180 each.

#### *B. Streets*

Bormann noted that we had a street drain that was coming up. Hoffmann reported that they had taken care of it.

#### 1. Capital Budget Requests

Grenke noted that the Committee had received in the packet this year's list and the proposed list for next year of streets for overlay. Harline said that last year's cost was \$68/ton but APAC said they lost money on that low of a bid. Harline explained the spreadsheet and the recommendations for street projects on FY2016. Harline noted that the total amount of the request was \$200,000 and may have to be scaled back. What streets we choose, how close together they are and how much thickness we lay all affect the total price. Harline explained that an alternate would be to do a full concrete street replacement between the tracks on Jefferson Street which would use all the funds available for next summer, but this would not replace the concrete under the tracks. Bormann noted that during the Allen Street repair by the railroad this summer they removed the concrete where the City had paid the extra cost for concrete instead of asphalt under the tracks. Harline said that the main question before the Committee was whether or not to pursue the concrete project on Jefferson or the asphalt overlay. Harline noted that he had added Central Street to the list; a street that had not been on Lynn's list last year. Magley asked if the City would be building Columbia Street from County Land to Gano Chance. Harline said he put that up there for discussion. Vollrath thanked Harline for including it. The Committee discussed the list. Bormann noted that the Council needed to decide for asphalt overlay or concrete on Jefferson. Harline said he recommends the asphalt for FY2016, but ultimately it will be the Board's choice. Grenke said that there will be a chance for the Aldermen to get out and drive around and we will discuss it further. Hoffmann suggested that it would also be possible to do some asphalt overlay

between the tracks. Bormann asked if this decision could be delayed and Harline said yes.

#### *C. Sanitation*

Bormann asked for any other questions and there were none.

#### Landfill Gas Update

Harline noted that Cecilia Campbell and other staff from MDNR had visited the landfill on December 23<sup>rd</sup> along with Engineering Surveys and Services and the landfill gas sample for well #2 (the City has three) was 0.4% which is well under the limit. The previous reading was about 9% methane. This reading means that we do not have to go to monthly sampling and any of the other expensive solutions. This was very good news. The MDNR staff also visited the old landfill just south of Fountain Road that is on the Superfund list. Harline explained some of the steps the City of Fulton had to go through to mitigate migrating landfill gas.

#### Sanitation Capital Budget Requests

Harline noted that there were no preliminary requests this year.

#### *Stormsewer*

#### Capital Budget Requests

Harline noted that he did not have a spreadsheet to display but the main storm water project would be the Miles Street ditch. Harline noted that for us to do much in storm water management might require a greater transfer from the Electric Fund, especially if we want to buy a much needed front loader. Harline said we probably couldn't do the Miles Street Ditch, contract for the GIS work and but the front loader in FY2016. Bormann asked Harline to bring back the additional information the Committee had asked for.

### **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

#### *Activity Report*

Bormann asked for comments. Grenke asked about the nine lights replaced. Mustain replied that they were standard sodium in various places. In response to Grenke's question he said the lifespan was about 20,000 hours as compared to the 100,000 hours for and LED light.

#### *Electric Capital Budget Requests*

Harline said that the debt service and principal on the new substation, and the big ticket item was the boring under the railroad. Mustain replied in answer to Bormann's question that there would be six bores in three locations (2 bores in each) of eight inch casing with six inch conduit. Harline stated that the spool trailer should have been shown in this year's budget. Mustain noted that the Polecat was in the budget from previous years, but wouldn't need to be included in FY2016. Harline noted that there were no requests for vehicles.

#### *Long term power RFP – update*

Harline noted that the proposals are in and the MMG has not met yet so there are not a lot details yet. There are three major proposals, the best so far from Constellation. Harline said our consultant noted that there would be many chances for discussion. Harline said it was a very complicated bid because the RFP allowed for all-requirements pricing but also for other options. Constellation has agreed to accept some risks and so their bid looked best so far. Harline explained the time line to get a contract to replace the current one that ends in May of 2017. Harline added that one of the risks that affect the proposed prices of power is the EPA's proposed rule concerning CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**OTHER**

Harline suggested that a closed meeting should be scheduled after the General Government and Public Safety Committee for his six-month review.

**AS MAY ARISE**

Tom Wormington of Paris, Missouri asked to address the Committee. Mr. Wormington asked about how he could obtain video from a traffic stop in Centralia. Wormington reported that he was representing himself in the case. Wormington stated that he had received a ticket from the Centralia Police and his understanding was that all officers had in-car or lapel cameras. Wormington also reported that he was not allowed to see the radar. Harline responded to Mr. Wormington's question by saying that all cars do not have cameras and the in-car cameras that we have do not always work. Harline said that he would get Mr. Wormington's contact information and get an answer for him.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Borman called for a motion to adjourn. Wilkins moved and Magley seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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