

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee of the City of Centralia for Monday, March 2, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bormann at 7:20 p.m. Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Jim Lee, Andrea Vollrath, Richard Ward and Langdon Magley. Also attending were Matt Harline, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman, of the City staff, and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

WATER AND SEWER

Activity Report

Grenke asked if we had any meter or line freeze ups. Forsee said we had a couple, mainly where the jar lid was missing or removed. Bormann asked about the meeting with the farmers and Forsee replied that it went well. Bormann asked about the class on irrigation. Forsee said that the workshop was informative and discussed the limits that were being set lower for effluent. Forsee noted that there was lots of interest in irrigation systems for waste water treatment but that DNR was wanting to give more oversight as well. Forsee noted that the 12" valve sleeve will be going in soon but he had to dig out the hole and get a new measurement on the outer diameter of the pipe. Harline noted that he sat in on the training Midwest Meter gave to the staff and that he was starting from zero knowledge. Forsee added that he liked the new handheld device and what it was capable of doing.

Water

Budget Discussion

Harline noted that he had handed out a section of the budget for the Enterprise Funds. Harline added that the capital items had not changed from previous discussion. Harline said that there was money for filter repairs. Forsee noted that he was going to have DNR up to look at the plant and see what needs to be done. Harline noted that all of the budgets looked to be able to handle the \$0.037 pre hour raise. Harline noted that the foremen were not doing as well as the rest of the employees with a flat hourly increase and that should be remembered next year.

Sewer

Bormann asked for a report on the Sewer Budget. Harline noted that there was \$15,000 in the budget for slip lining but we could possibly add more. Harline stated that there was \$15,000 in the waste water budget for tires for the irrigation equipment but Mike may have found a much less expensive option. Harline and Forsee noted that the farmers had adequate backup supplies. There was additional discussion about options for tires for the irrigation equipment. Harline noted that Mike had found an option for a \$400 tire instead of the \$650 tires we have been using.

Other

Bormann asked for any other questions and there were none.

Activity Report

Bormann asked for any questions or comments on the activity report and there were none.

Streets

Harline noted that we have a request for a front loader in the budget. There are several requests including a fire truck, police car, and storm water projects. Harline noted that he was planning to talk to Tom Nelson. Mayor

Grenke asked about the City's supply of salt. Harline replied that we were fine, and since we need to rebuild the salt shed we had held off on ordering more. Hoffman noted that we had enough for a couple of small snows.

Sanitation

Budget discussion: Harline said that he feels that the \$1.00 raise is enough and there is no need for additional rate increases. In fact, Harline added, if we had to raise rates again it would be time to look into bidding out trash service.

Stormsewer

Harline reported that Phil had obtained bids on the stormwater projects. The lining of the large culverts under the railroad tracks are both over \$100,000. The Jefferson Street lining is \$31,700 for a 36" by 72" pipe. Hoffman said this would give us an idea of how well this approach would work. Gano Chance lining would be \$36,500 for a 28" x 42" pipe. Harline felt we could afford one, but it is possible that we could avoid a \$2,500 mobilization cost if we did both in one year.

Other

Bormann asked for comments or questions and there were none.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Activity Report Chairman Bormann asked for comment on the Activity Report and there was none. Bormann asked how the department had fared through the storm and Mustain said that there were no major incidents.

Accepting bid for trailer

Mustain noted that a bid tab was included in the packet for purchase of a tilt trailer. Mustain stated that the request was for a white fourteen foot tilt plus two foot trailer. Maxwell gave two bids; one for black, one for white. Darren Adams submitted the lowest bid. Mustang noted his bid was for a sixteen plus two because that is the shortest that Mustain said this would replace our current fifteen year old trailer which we would put up for sale. **Lee made a motion to award the bid to Darren Adams for which was seconded by Andrea Vollrath and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Budget Discussion

Harline reported that there is \$165,000 in the budget for boring under the railroad project. Mustain noted that the funds would cover the costs of the boring and conduit, but not the wire and transformers and other expenses. Harline noted that there is a \$60,000 transfer to the General Fund and \$35,000 to the Cemetery Fund and since we paid for the tuck pointing and roof work out of the Electric Fund.

Boring for Electric Conduit under the Railroad Tracks Update

Harline reported that the firms that will be doing the permitting have received everything from the City and BHMG and it was in their hands now.

OTHER & AS MAY ARISE

Bormann asked for items for "Other" and "As May Arise" and there were no additional items.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Bormann called for a motion to adjourn. Vollrath moved and Grenke seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m.