

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, May 4, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Bormann at 7:02 p.m. Present were Chairman Don Bormann, Mayor Grenke, Aldermen, Lee, Magley, Vollrath, Ward and Wilkins. Also attending were Matt Harline, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee, Mark Mustain and James Smith. Merritt Beck arrived at about 7:45pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Those present recited the pledge.

Proclamations and Adopting the Agenda

Bormann noted that there were no changes to the agenda or proclamations

Comments from Citizens

None

Street and Sanitation Department

Activity Report Bormann noted that the new wheel loader looked good. There were no other comments.

STREETS

Summer 2015 Overlay Contractor Bormann noted that for once APAC is not lowest. Harline noted that there were three bids and read them out. Harline reported that the staff recommends that the Committee accept the bid of Christensen Construction for \$74.78/ton. Harline replied in response to a question from Bormann that last year's bid was \$68.10. **Wilkins made a motion to accept the bid of Christensen Construction Co. Lee seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Selecting the Sidewalk Grant Contractor Harline reviewed the process for reviewing the qualifications from the eight contractors that submitted letters of interest on the Jefferson Street Sidewalk project funded by a MODOT grant. Harline reported that on a 3-1 vote the ad-hoc committee recommended that MECO engineering be given the contract. Harline noted that we were a little behind in the schedule but that we could make up the time. **Wilkins made a motion to award the contract to MECO Engineering for the Jefferson Street Sidewalk project. Vollrath seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Wheel Loader Purchase Harline noted that we budgeted \$44,333 to obtain a wheel loader by lease purchase. Harline reported that we were able to purchase the loader off the state bid for \$132,000+ which is what we thought it would be after trade in. Harline noted that we had sold the old wheel loader on GovDeals for \$36,454. Harline was asking the Committee to authorize making a down payment of \$55,000. Harline noted that we would end up spending more than budgeted, but the new cost would be less. **Lee made a motion to authorize spending \$55,000 for the first payment on the wheel loader. Vollrath seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote**

SANITATION

Spring Cleanup Report

Bormann noted that the bill from Dayne's for \$5,356.06 was included in the packet Harline stated that was for the dumpsters and that in addition we had 64 hours of overtime wages in that one week. Hofmann noted that the total collection of 38.38 tons which is less than a regular week's collection and much less than past year's cleanups. Harline noted that it was less than the cleanups back when we did two per year.

Special Pickups for Residential Service

Harline gave a short slide show of trash piles found curbside in the City recently. Harline noted Bormann asked if these were recent photos and Hofmann said they were within the last year. Harline stated the he would like to bring an ordinance forward for the Board to consider to charge for special pickups. Harline noted that if you were moving out in September and had a lot of stuff to discard, it didn't mean that you were a bad person, but that extra pickup should cost more. Bormann noted that no one is going to want to haul it out to the dumpsters if they can get it picked up curbside for free. Harline said he was thinking along the lines of a \$15.00 charge for the extra pickup. Magley asked what constituted a special pickup to which Harline noted that it was more than two 95 gallon carts. There followed a discussion of the rate that should be charged for extra pickup plus. Bormann asked what other cities charged. Harline reported that Fulton charged a flat rate plus additional if it exceeded a certain amount of time. Harline noted that he was not recommending requiring carts. Darren Adams asked about taking trash from his work sites to his business address and besides his work site trash he rarely has any. Harline stated he would research what other cities were doing and that we could review our approach to spring clean-up. Magley asked if we were doing it too soon. Vollrath asked if it should be after the City-wide garage sale.

Storm Sewer Harline asked if the Committee wanted additional bids on south Jefferson and Gano Chance, but we only know one firm that provides the service.

Other Hoffman reported that the City of Mexico had offered to sell us their old paint sprayer. He asked permission to purchase it for under \$1,200. Bormann said that sounded good. Harline reported that Hoffman said he had worked with Jim Sternberg of the City of Mexico to do a slump test and take cylinders for break tests on the newly poured Lockport Drive. Harline reported that we sent the test to Engineering Surveys and Services and they sent back results that showed a break at 3380 PSI for seven days of curing. This looks good. Bormann asked if Sternberg had reviewed how to check the grade of the street. Harline said that had not been done. Harline stated that this was merely an experiment to see how possible it was to do it in house and that only one sample had been taken. Magley stated he thought the standard was one sample every 100 yards.

Electric Department

Activity Report Grenke asked about replacing the light pole at Gano Chance. Mustain replied that a truck had knocked it over. Magley noted that the pole by Casey's was bowing quite a bit. Mustain reported that he had checked it recently and that it would need to be addressed sometime soon.

Boring Project Harline noted that in the agenda for the special meeting there were ordinances to authorize the mayor to sign contracts with both railroads for permits to conduct the boring work. Harline stated that the permit and agreement with Norfolk-Southern were ready to go but the contracts for Kansas City Southern were essentially correct except that they only showed one bore at each of the two locations. Harline noted the process has taken months to get here and he hoped that the Board could see their way to authorize moving forward. The City and BHMG are about to release the RFP. The proposals will be due by the end of the month.

Other Mustain reported that the City would like to connect the line that runs along the west edge of the Cox property to the line along Gano Chance, but we are in Ameren's easement and they insist that they will install the pole of the height needed. Mustain asked if he could be authorized to pay Ameren \$4,800 to be allowed to tie on their pole to complete the loop. Mustain noted in terms of proportion that we had spent \$30,000 on Cobblestone already and we would spend that much again putting in services. In answer to a question from Lee he explained that completing the loop would allow power to be routed so that a minimal area was affected during outages. **Wilkins made a**

motion to approve the expenditure to Ameren that was seconded by Magley and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Harline reported that without objection they planned to declare as surplus and sell the old skid steer trailer #41.

Water and Sewer Department

Activity Report Bormann asked for comment and questions and there was none.

WATER

Forsee noted that they planned to put the 12 inch valve in front of Chance the next day.

SEWER

Harline said that there had been progress on the Irrigation Agreements but there they were not ready.

Insituform bid Harline reported that the Forsee had received a bid from Insituform off of a pre-bid contract and the amount of the bid was more than \$1,000 over the amount approved in the budget. Bormann said that shouldn't happen again. Forsee reported that the funds would be used to slip line sanitary sewers between Doty and Bruton, under Kellogg and between Briarwood and Eastmont. **Magley made a motion to approve the contract with Insituform for \$41,712.44 that was seconded by and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Other

Darren Adams approached the Committee about repealing the ban on the sale of fireworks in the city limits. Bormann said that he would prefer that, and Wilkins asked what the rationale for banning the sale was. Merritt Beck arrived and replied in answer to Wilkins's question and that the fireworks banned in the City should not be sold in the City. Harline suggested that the staff could bring forward a draft ordinance at the next meeting. Dudgeon suggested that there might be some effect on insurance rates but that Darren may be on to something. Dudgeon asked if there would be business licenses required. Lee noted that Blue Springs noted that they only allowed 20 licenses and 19 had to be given to non-profits. Wilkins asked for an ordinance be brought forward for discussion.

As May Arise

Adjourn

Wilkins made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Vollrath and approved by voice vote.

The Committee adjourned at about 7:55 p.m.