

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, July 6, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Grenke at 7: p.m. Present also were, Aldermen, Jim Lee, Don Bormann, David Wilkins, Dick Ward and Landon Magley. Also attending were Matt Harline, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee, Mark Mustain, Danielle Sims, Heid Sims and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Pledge of Allegiance Those present recited the pledge.

Comments from Citizens There were none.

Water and Sewer Department

Activity Report Grenke asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and there were none.

WATER

SEWER

Forsee reported that we are about full in our irrigation ponds and he has had to use overland flow and pumped all he could to the Sims. Harline noted that this is a record year for rain and we have not had to discharge treated sewage.

Other:

Missouri Rural Water Association and MO DNR are offering some excellent Board training that is free. Harline noted that it is in Columbia at Boone County Consolidated #1. Mike mentioned that it is mostly done by MRWA and it is good training. Bormann and Grenke indicated interest in attending.

Street and Sanitation Department

Activity Report Grenke asked for comments and questions on the activity report and Wilkins asked about the striper purchased from Mexico. Phil said they have the unit which they borrowed in the past but have not put it in service yet. There no other comments.

STREETS

Overlay update Phil noted that he has spoken with Tom Christensen earlier that day and the rain has pushed us back to mid-August.

Additional handicap parking downtown Harline stated that one of the outstanding recommendations from the accessibility consultant was to add handicap parking on the inside of the square to provide access to the square, not just the shopping. Hoffman noted that there were already spaces that were not in use to allow pedestrians on the square and they could provide van accessible spots. Bormann stated that he thought handicap spaces near the corner would be more useful. Harline said that if we chose to add handicap parking in either way, an ordinance is required and he would bring one back with alternates.

SANITATION

Recycling presentation by Intern – Danielle Sims and discussion Harline introduced Danielle Sims and her mom, Heidi Sims, who have been working together on an analysis of the recycling program. D. Sims explained in her presentation that: She recently visited the Columbia Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and learned that Columbia was accepting mixed plastics for no charge; The City

currently pays \$300/month to Ryan Enterprises and it was a longer trip; That it might be possible to comingle materials and therefore take more materials curbside. Sims proposed taking all recyclables to Columbia to save money. Sims added that it might be possible to purchase a used split-hopper recycling/garbage truck from Columbia and pack a lot more materials into it for each trip. Grenke asked how long she had been working on the project to which she replied since the first of June.

Bormann asked how much rock they were back hauling from Millersburg on trips to Ryan Enterprises. Hoffman replied almost none. Wilkins asked how the comingling would work and Sims explained that Columbia accepts all containers (plastic, metals and glass) in one stream and fibers (newspaper, office paper, cardboard, mixed paper) in a separate stream. Sims explained these could be picked up in only two bags which Hoffman added would be much easier. Bormann noted that Ryan made a product directly from the plastics we take him and he has family in the Centralia area. Bormann added that we were Ryan's biggest supplier of plastic and if we stopped taking our materials to Millersburg he would likely go out of business – and only save \$3,600/year. Bormann said we could choose to take everything to Columbia except plastics to preserve the certain plastic market. Bormann noted that low fuel prices meant low costs for virgin plastic which might make Columbia's market go away, whereas Ryan would still be there making fence posts.

Harline suggested that we do a pilot and take some materials to Columbia and see how it goes. Harline also said that if we could go to a dual stream recycling, we could see if we could get a grant to help buy a used split-hopper truck from Columbia. Harline said we would like to make some decisions this summer. Grenke asked how many employees Ryan had, to which Bormann replied that he did it all himself with his family. Lee asked about glass recycling. Harline said that we currently separate white/clear glass and colored glass, but Columbia takes it mixed. Magley noted that going to two sorts instead of five or six makes it a better and cheaper system. Magley asked about the cost to drive to Millersburg versus Columbia's MRF and Hoffman noted that it was \$110 more per month more to take the hour-long trip to Ryan Enterprises. Harline said he was very supportive of Ryan Enterprises but Columbia seems like a better option. Magley said we should save the City money. The Board and Chief Dudgeon thank Danielle for her presentation.

Extra pickups at schools, etc. Harline stated that he plans to charge schools and churches for extra trash pickups as we are now doing with other commercial contracts, just like we do when they use more electricity or water, except for community-wide events. Grenke noted that the schools were one of our biggest employers and did a lot for the community. Magley noted that we charge everyone else if they use more trash pickups. Wilkins agreed. Harline noted that we currently contract with Dayne's for Anchor Fest trash collection and we would continue to do that.

DNR site visit to landfill Harline reported that DNR had done their annual visit to the most recently closed landfill and they found no deficiencies as noted in the letter included in the packet. Harline said about the only thing the DNR staff mentioned was the need to cut some woody growth on the slopes of the landfill, but that the City should do this in the late fall or winter when it wouldn't tear up the landfill.

STORM SEWER

Accepting bid for storm sewer lining: Harline reported that he had solicited bids for storm sewer lining from three firms that he has recommended by Columbia in addition to the bid that was still good from when we made the budget. Harline explained that although the bid from ISCO was under \$15,000 compared to \$66,000, staff was more comfortable with the bid from Ace Pipe Cleaning. Harline explained that ISCO would bring pipe and the staff or a contractor would slip it into place and seal it in place with a fill material. Hoffman felt that by slipping two pipes into the storm water

channel we would lose a lot of flow. In reply to a question from Bormann, Hoffman and Harline replied that Ace Pipe Cleaning would shore up the structure with concrete and then do a spray-in lining like Insituform.

Bormann made a motion to approve the two bids from Ace Pipe Cleaning for \$66,000 that was seconded by Wilkins and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Genke thanked the City crews that responded so well to the recent storms including several hours of overtime clearing streets and restoring power.

Electric Department

Activity Report Grenke asked if there were any questions or comments on the activity report. Grenke noted that we should send a thank you note to Monroe City and Palmyra for sending mutual aid after the second storm to repair damage along Sims Street. Harline added that on the first storm they had to replace a pole and it required them to work overnight. Mustain noted they worked 20 hours straight. Harline noted that a tree fell on a house on Barnes and instead of being repaired the next day, as we would typically do, it took the crew a week to get there with all the other damage. Grenk and there were none.

Long term power purchase update Harline reported that we were getting closer to something to bring back to the Board. Harline noted that a month ago he was considering an approach that would put us in the day-ahead market trying to get a better price. Harline said that new bids have come in from Constellation and others and they are in the mid \$30s range and so he is leaning pretty strongly toward a full-requirements type of contract again. Harline said that full-requirements is the recommendation from our consultant, Bob Harbour, and most of the cities are leaning that way, with the exception of Hannibal. Harline added that any contract would only be for three years.

Other

Mayor Grenke wants to watch the first use of the valve insertion tool.

As May Arise

Grenke said he had been approached by someone who lived just outside of the City limits and were interested in getting on the City water system. Bormann noted that they could annex or if they were not contiguous to the city limits they could sign an annexation agreement whereby they would be required to annex when their property became contiguous to the City. Bormann asked if they would be hooked up to sewer. Forsee said that there was a creek in the way. Forsee added that we had one sewer-only customer and we had to install a second water meter so we could bill for sewer.

Chief Dudgeon noted that a community member who is in the military had his mechanic bill paid.

Grenke noted that the Avenue of Flags and the fireworks went very well.

Wilkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Magley seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Committee adjourned 7:59 p.m.