

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, November 2, 2015.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Andrea Vollrath, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m. Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Bormann and Jim Lee. Also attending were Matt Harline, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee, Mark Mustain, Jon Lauer, Lisa Lauer, Amanda Smith, Richard Petty, Jerry Johnson, Sue Johnson, three other people and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Pledge of Allegiance Those present recited the pledge.

Comments from Citizens. Jon Lauer, 17 Mayes Meadows spoke about the deterioration of the streets and storm sewers, curbs and gutters on Mayes Meadows. Lauer said that the City started the project five years ago and pulled off and that he had paid taxes and this was the City's responsibility to fix. Lauer said that Aldermen Bormann had been out there and seen it. Lauer said that he knew other new subdivisions got new streets. Bormann noted that the developers pay the full cost for installing the new streets. Lauer asked about Switzler Street and wondered where his tax dollars were going. Bormann noted that a new street had been built for the school and Switzler Street was built because of the high traffic volume and that funds had been used on those streets. Bormann added that the City was catching up on overlays after those projects. Lauer continued to express his desire to have Mayes Meadow repaired and expressed concern over potential lawsuits against the City. Harline noted that the City did an annual inventory and that the City was aware that Mayes Meadow was in need of repair but other streets like Eastmont, Briarwood, Westwind, and South Central Street are also in need. Harline noted that we had a direct appeal from our largest employer to rebuild Switzler Street to be able to handle truck traffic. Harline noted that Mayes Meadow would require curb and gutter work first and maybe some patches before overlay. Lauer asked the City to complete the work they started.

Amanda Smith of 4 Mayes Meadows noted that she runs an in-home day care with four kids in addition to her own and when there is a heavy rain they have to cross a large amount of water. She expressed concern for the safety of those children and others.

Sue Johnson 2 Mayes Meadows noted that Dan Hamilton had visited the neighborhood when he was on the Board of Aldermen. Johnson stated that her main concern was the storm drain and the neighbors had to clear the drain every time it rains heavily. Johnson said they have a nice neighborhood and the condition of the street has gotten to the point that it is dangerous. Mayor Grenke said that the City had limited funds and we have to prioritize. Grenke added that the visit by the neighbors would light a fire under them to get it fixed in the next budget. Harline noted that the budget estimate for an overlay on that street is \$47,000. Several people noted that there was work that would need to be done before an overlay.

### Public Works

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none.

### **STREETS**

*Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project Update.* Harline reported that project was moving forward quietly but on schedule. MODOT had approved the project design and they have cleared the project for acquisition of right-of-way and he would be meeting with MECO to start that process soon. Harline reported that there would be three acquisitions of temporary construction easements. Harline noted that the project bid documents needed to be ready in three months and MODOT's deadline for accepting the best bid is June 1, 2016. Harline said that he felt that

we would like to be ahead of that time line and have construction begin shortly after school lets out for summer and that he felt confident that we could stick to that time line. Harline noted that the City had paid three invoices and had been reimbursed 80% by MODOT already.

#### SANITATION

Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none.

#### STORM SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none. Hoffman noted that he had a few small projects going with homeowners and one on Bruton.

#### Water and Sewer Department

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the monthly report and Lee asked about when the aerator would be in. Harline stated that it would be next spring.

#### WATER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the monthly report and there were none.

#### SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the monthly report and there were none.

#### Electric Department

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions about the activity report. Grenke asked how many households had not been turned back on yet. Mustain and Harline noted that there were always a couple that were read out and the account closed but they didn't think anyone was without service due to non-payment.

UPDATE ON UNDERGROUND CONDUIT INSTALLATION Harline stated that it had been a long and difficult process but they were close to getting a start date. Harline reported that DNR was not comfortable with the having the boring slurry placed in the pond so we would find other options.

#### OTHER

*Long term power supply contract* Harline reported that Mark Mustain and he attended a meeting on Wednesday, October 21 in Hannibal. Harline reported that he learned from the representative of AEP (Vince Findley) about using solar power array generation as part of our capacity requirements. Harline added that the long term (now three years) forecast is for good rates for power purchases. Harline added that the next contract is likely to not be with Dynergy based on proposals. Bormann asked about Hannibal. Harline replied that Hannibal was out of the deal and that they were going their own way. Harline added that the forecast for energy was good and one of the main reasons was the low cost of natural gas. Harline reported that he asked Findley of AEP about the how the costs for energy, capacity and transmission and he thought it could be 1/3<sup>rd</sup> each in the ten years. Harline explained the value of the 2 Megawatts of capacity we have with Prairie States.

#### Other

After asking for a consensus for a good time to meet on November 14 and finding no time that worked for everyone, Harline said he would send out suggestions for a weekend in December.

Harline stated that the Mayor, Bormann and he had RSVP'd yes for the Boone County Municipal

and that he had to let the County know tomorrow if anyone else wanted to go. Lee indicated that he would like to go.

Mayor Grenke noted that he was holding a coffee with the Mayor on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Grinder's Bakery.

As May Arise

None.

**Magley made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Bormann and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

The Committee adjourned 7:36 p.m.