

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, December 7, 2015.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Andrea Vollrath, and Chairperson at 7:00 p.m. Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Dick Ward, David Wilkins, Don Bormann and Jim Lee. Also attending were Matt Harline, Phil Hoffman, Mike Forsee, Mark Mustain, Allan and Nancy Baca, Wendell Wright, Judy Smith, Don Jenkins and James Smith of the Fireside Guard. Police Chief Larry Dudgeon arrived later

Pledge of Allegiance Those present recited the pledge.

Comments from Citizens.

None

Public Works

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

### **STREETS**

*Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project Update.* Harline noted that Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering had been present for an open house prior to the meeting and the City staff and Mr. Jenkins had been able to answer the questions of the citizens would be impacted by the project that attended the meeting. Harline noted that the City was on schedule and was currently in the process of obtaining two permanent easements from the School District and temporary constructions easements from the School District and three private property owners. Harline noted that Jenni Jones, the MODOT Project Manager, was also in the audience.

Don Jenkins address the Committee and gave a detailed description of the sidewalks, driveway crossings and the storm water improvements plans page by page. Mr. Jenkins asked if the Board had questions. Grenke asked how many ADA ramps would be needed. Jenkins answered every crossing would need an ADA ramp. Jenkins said he hoped he answered most questions in the open house before the meeting. Harline noted that during the open house one resident had suggested street lights be added to this section of Jefferson, which Harline said might be a good idea. Jones said in answer to an offer to speak that she just wanted say that there was a quick turnaround of eighteen months on these projects and she just wanted to make sure the environmental review, right-of-way acquisition and all other steps were followed. Jones went on to list the major steps including noting that the advertisement for construction bids had to be open for at least three weeks.

*Preliminary list of streets for repair:* Harline noted that he and Street Supervisor Phil Hoffmann had driven around and developed a preliminary list of streets for overlay this next season. Harline said that a more detailed list would be available at the Retreat/work session that Saturday (December 12<sup>th</sup>). Harline said nearly \$200,000 would be available for streets this year. Harline said that one section that he wanted to see done was Westwind, Briarwood, Eastmont area. Harline noted that neighbors from Mayes Meadows had expressed an interest in having their street repaired, but that street needed some storm water work done first. Hoffman said that he liked to wait until after the winter to finalize the list.

### **SANITATION**

Vollrath asked for comments and questions. Vollrath asked if there was anything Hoffman would like to report and he said that he had experienced some mechanical issues on both trucks this

month. Ward noted that a younger driver had been sitting in for Jimmy and had been moving pretty fast. Harline noted that we were up another 5% in tonnage over the previous year which coincides with an improvement in the economy.

#### STORM SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none. Hoffman noted that he was getting started on a project on Bruton near Allen Street.

#### Water and Sewer Department

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

#### WATER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

*Water plant improvements update:* Harline said that there would need to be some budget discussions about repairs and updates similar to the discussion eight years ago when the Burns and McDonnell study was completed. Harline noted that the aerator was on order but there were other things to look at. Forsee said in answer to a question from Harline said that the air scour trial looked a lot better than our current strategy for cleaning sand filters. Forsee said that his first concern was the lime carry over and that he would need to work with DNR on that and another treatment issue. Harline noted that the things we were talking about might impact what are currently very low rates that were good for residential customers, but also for attracting and keeping businesses.

*Consumer confidence report:* Harline noted that he had received a letter from DNR noting deficiencies in their last Consumer Confidence Report; it was late and the citizens did not receive the entire URL (web site address) on the post card utility bills. Harline said it was his fault. Harline added that because there had not been any other violations since 2003 or so, the only punishment would be a requirement to note the deficiency in our CCR next year. Harline added that this was merely a reporting error, the water supply is safe.

#### SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none.

OTHER None.

#### Electric Department

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions about the activity report.

#### DISTRIBUTION

*Update on underground conduit project:* Harline reported that the first bore was done and the casing and conduit was in and the hole was closed at the western bore under the KC Southern line. The bore under both lines heading north from the teardrop is done, but no casing or conduit has been inserted. Harline and Mustain noted that they were close to pulling the casing through today but couldn't get to it. The entire project should be done this week.

#### GENERATION

*Purchased power agreement update – legal fees* Harline reported that he would like to hire Margaret McGoldrick of Spiegel and McDiarmid to review the complicated documents of the next round of purchased power agreements. He cost would be split among the members of the MMG

group, but our costs would be proportionally higher without Hannibal in the mix. Merritt was in agreement to hire the specialized help and if the Committee was in agreement he would draft an ordinance for the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Vollrath asked how the proposed cost of \$7,000 would compare to the last negotiation.

*Community solar:* Harline noted that Kinkead's Pharmacy was getting set to install our first solar project in town. Harline added that he and Mustain were on the MPUA mailing list for community solar. Harline said he put this on the agenda in part because wanted to see if any Committee members had an interest in pursuing a City project. Harline said that there were tax credits available for the for-profit companies who could build and sell the City the power under a purchased power agreement.

#### Other

*Replacing police car:* Harline noted that an quote for \$15,100 for the purchase of a 2012 Dodge Charger to replace a car (2005 For Crown Victoria) that was damaged in a wreck where a car pulled out in front of an officer responding to call. Harline added that the car had ended up on the railroad tracks and that he had turned the accident in to our insurance, but we would pay the salvage value to retain the car for parts. Harline noted that car that was wrecked was schedule to be replaced in April. In answer to a question from Vollrath Harline noted that this purchase was not in the current year budget, but it we would have been looking to purchase a car in April. Chief Dudgeon replied to a question from Bormann the wreck was caused by a car pulling out in front of our officer, but since there was no contact, it would be difficult to subrogate the claim against the other driver. Dudgeon noted that he wanted to pull everything useful off of it, but then S&D has agreed in principle to removing those parts and storing them in exchange for the remaining parts of the car. Harline noted that the City might receive some money back even after the deductible and the salvage value is taken off. **Wilkins made a motion to purchase to make an emergency purchase of the 2012 Dodge Charger from the MO Highway Patrol that was seconded by Magley and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Chief Dudgeon thanked the Committee

*Use tax for sale of out of state vehicles:* Harline explained that he put an article from the Missouri Municipal League that explained how cities were losing the sales tax on cars sold out of state or between people since a court case determined that a was a use tax. Harline said that cities had a short window of time to act based on the law passed by the legislature. Harline stated that the Mayor, Bormann and he had attended the Boone County Municipal and that Commissioner Miller was encouraging cities to go in with them to put this on the ballot. Harline asked if the Committee was interested in having an ordinance drawn up. Harline answered a question from Grenke that he was looking to put this on the April ballot.

*Labor negotiations:* Harline said that he would like to hire Ivan Schraeder, a recognized expert to review the current labor contract in preparation for this year's labor negotiation since it his first time. Harline added that this was just a review of the contract and in no way meant that he expected to have a lawyer in negotiations and that Merritt was in agreement. Grenke and others expressed agreement with the idea.

*Draft Agenda for "Retreat" Saturday:* Harline said that an agenda should be sent out this week and that he would order sandwiches from Grinders for the meeting that will run from 10:00am to 1:00 pm.

### As May Arise

Grenke asked Harline if we had been able to get the preliminary grant application on the splitter submitted. Harline responded in the affirmative. Harline added that the surveys had indicated that people seemed to like the idea of comingled recycling.

Grenke noted that the open filing period for municipal

Grenke asked Harline if wanted to mention the possibility of APAC renting space out by the landfill. Harline thanked Grenke for reminding him and noted that Rusty Dutton of APAC had approached them about the idea of trading work for the rental of the space that used to be the City's asphalt mixing table. Harline noted that APAC was only checking for interest from the City so that they could put together a bid on the overlay of MO highway 22 this summer. Harline noted that having a temporary asphalt plant there all summer would have traffic and smell issues, but it might also allow APAC to offer a very good price on our street overlay prices. Harline added that Christensen did a great job but this could help get the City a lower price. Magley said that he would prefer the trucks use the back entrance off of Rowland Street to avoid tearing up Ann Street. Hoffman noted that this was just preliminary, APAC wasn't sure if it was a big enough. Hoffman noted in answer to a question from Grenke that it would be for all the summer. Bormann noted that he would want Ann Street returned to its original condition. Lee said that he was curious how bad it would smell. Several replies indicate that it would be noticeable. Magley reiterated his concerns for the kids on Ann Street and the condition of the road.

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

The Committee adjourned 7:56 p.m.