

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, March 07, 2016.**

Immediately following the Recessed Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Andrea Vollrath, Chairperson at 7:24 p.m.

### Present.

Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen David Wilkins, Landon Magley, Don Bormann and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman, Mike Forsee Electric Foreman Mark Mustain. Police Chief Larry Dudgeon and City Attorney Merritt Beck. Citizens present were Jessica Orsini, Daniel De La Rosa and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

### I. Comments from Citizens.

None

### II. PUBLIC WORKS.

*Vollrath stated there is an activity report included in packet and asked for comments and questions.*

Mayor Grenke asked about problems with the Street Sweeper. Hoffman responded, truck was in the shop receiving maintenance and repairs including valve replacement, new pump and injectors. Truck will be ready for pick-up before the end of the week.

#### Streets/Paving

Harline related that Hoffman and Harline went out last week to survey streets in regard to projects listed on proposed approaches A & B. Proposal A is to focus on major roads that are heavily trafficked. Also noted was the several requests received from Hubbell in regards to Howard Burton, which is in poor condition. Approach A, would involve overlaying; Howard Burton to Switzler North of railroad tracks, Gano Chance from Jefferson to railroad tracks, Barr St, from railroad tracks to Bruton and Jefferson to Cox in conjunction with Jefferson sidewalk project. Harline stated that Approach B emphasizes more on local streets. Harline displayed proposals A & B for the Committee by overhead projector. Harline noted in approach B the budget allots for, northern portion of Howard Burton and Southwest to Eastmont, Briarwood, Westwind and Bryson at a cost of \$221,000.00 as opposed to approach A at a cost of \$ 231,000.00. Hoffman stated he did not see it possible to get all Curbs, gutters and overlay completed, due to weather concerns. Hoffman suggests to complete all major streets first this year, then in the beginning of next year to begin curb and gutter work, followed by smaller streets. Bormann noted the need for curb and gutter repairs needed on Eastmont and Bryson, Harline added noting the patchwork needed on Westwind. Hoffman suggests Jefferson to be repaved this year and Gano Chance, to be overlayed. After Harline conferring with Hoffman, they feel that doing the major streets first, will positively impact peoples driving. Harline proposes option A, to be the best approach. De La Rosa asks about the cost involved with option b, Harline responds \$222,000.00, Harline also adds that the sidewalk project is an additional \$140,000.00, but 75% will be offset by revenues. Harline noted we can spend up to \$250,000.00 total, on projects this year. Hoffman added, public works is paving twice as much as they used to and Bormann noted it was due to Lakeview project being complete and paid off.

#### Road Project List Update and Discussion.

Harline asks for a motion to adopt option A. Magley questioned if this would be done in conjunction with sidewalk project and Hoffman responded, yes as soon as the sidewalks were in, they would move in to work on Jefferson. Bormann added the time frame should not interfere with the beginning of the school year. MoDot has approved final bid documents and Harline added it will be sent out for bids and he will place option A into budget.

#### Sanitation.

Harline notes, City did not receive grant and explained that we scored fifth, in the grant applications and that the fourth place grant application was partially funded with a \$170,000.00. Harline discussed how the tipping fee had not been increased since 2005-2006 and that it had been froze and that the City was also not eligible to receive grant points.

#### Storm Sewer.

Vollrath asks for questions and comments regarding storm sewer. Forsee noted his department has been doing a lot of ditch cleaning.

#### Other

None.

### III. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report.

#### Generation.

Wilkins asks for update regarding the Kinkead Solar Panel project. Mustain responded that twenty-five kW solar panels with 25,000 watts on to Kinkead's roof top. Electric Department installed two bi-directional meters to enable them to track kW hours that return to the grid. As of the end of February, one meter has shown no kw hours back on grid and second meter has shown twenty-nine kw hours back on the grid, this however does not reflect what it sent directly back into the building, Mustain noted he would like to meet with Kinkead to see what his meter reads and his savings, Mustain also asked Harline to explain how kw is charged and credited. Harline explained State and Federal Laws stating a customer only gets par value thru entire billing cycle, which is 9.7 cents per kw if they generate more in a billing cycle than what had been sold to them, then it would be credited at a rate of \$4.29 per kw, for the bulk power purchased, excludes expenses for transmission and capacity. Mustain also noted the contractor absorbed a lot of the additional costs involved with the project. Furthermore, Harline discussed future costs and infrastructures that would have to be in place, for future customer generators. Bormann added additional information in conjunction with the City's purchase of loads and the capacity requirements that the City would have to have in place, regardless of whether or not the customer used the full load. Orsini asked if number of solar panels installed, was determined by the roof space available, Mustain confirmed that maximum roof space, did determine the number of panels that were installed.

#### Capacity Sale Update.

Harline discussed that the City will be taking the Capacity to the MISO Auction. Harline noted he has been in negotiations with NextEra regarding another sale, however to date the Cities could not reach an agreement

Full-requirements Purchase Power Agreement update.

Harline informed that Mustain and himself attended the MPUA meeting with other cities and are still in negotiations with three companies. At this time, the contract has not been finalized. The best bid so far, has been received from Constellation, this in turn will allow time for Dynergy and NextEra time to submit their bids. Bormann stated there has been no hurry due to the price of energy with Harline adding that capacity and energy have been fluctuating up and down. Harline also noted he is not proposing an Electricity Rate Increase this year.

Distribution-Truck Repairs.

Harline discusses the annual review of the City's Overhead trucks as required insurance and safety standards. Cost for repairs totaled \$9,000.00. Grenke asked if cost would be drawn from the Equipment Repair Fund, Harline confirmed that it would come from fund stated. Mustain gave details as to the repairs needed, such as: handles, leveling cables and valves.

Other.

None.

IV. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Water.

Grenke questioned whether or not three stumps had been removed out at the City pool, Hoffman responds that they have been fully removed. Bormann asked for an update on City Pool Project. Harline noted that the Pool Project is almost complete and that the City Pool Building Project, is set to begin. Harline notes the delay with Reinhardt's plans not fully accepted yet, by the County Planning Department Lee states, he has visited the Building Site and questioned if the pool building would now face west. Harline confirmed yes and it was deemed that way, due to financing costs. Harline did note that Foreman Forsee, Mustain and Earl Bennett, have spent considerable time with the Architects and Engineers working on the project.

Clear Well Rehabilitation

Forsee discussed the DNR Inspections of the Water Plants and the Cleaning of the Water Wells. Forsee noted he has set up a cleaning schedule with Ozark Applications to have routine cleaning and inspections at a cost of \$3000.00. Forsee stated this will provide a more accurate record keeping for DNR Inspections. Grenke expressed his concerns regarding West Water Tower, having a green ring around the bottom of the tower, Forsee responded that it would be an additional cost but is looking into a solution for the problem.

Sewer.

Forsee noted that holding wells are looking good and will start to pump water to farmers, in the near future.

Other.

Harline asked for a 5% increase from the Water and Sewer Departments that will generate approximately \$26,000 in revenue. Magley asked for an update regarding ongoing pads found in the sewer system. Forsee noted screen has been installed at Fountain Road Station and is helping, Forsee says they will continue to monitor.

#### V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Harline noted sales taxes are level at compared to the previous year. Harline said that he we will be looking at exploring other options for Health Insurance Coverage next summer. Harline also noted that a meeting has been arranged to discuss wage increases with Local Union 773. Harline revisited the intended project with Summit, for this year regarding the conversion of account numbers.

#### VI. OTHER.

Harline then discussed the rate that is charged for how much equipment is used. Harline noted that the last rate adjustment was in 2008, thus leaving a reserve of over \$400,000.00 dollars, enabling the purchase of a dump truck from that fund which is an internal service fund that is funded by all departments.

On a final note, Harline asked for guidance on R3 zoning and parking lots, this was in regards to a proposal for a Building Permit, for an enclosed garage, in a R3 zone. Harline asked for action to be taken and a motion from the committee. Citizen De La Rosa asked Harline how Aldermen's motion will affect his decision and James Smith from the Fireside Guard also asked Harline a question regarding Railroad parking garage, Harline stated a building permit had already been issued.

**Bormann made a motion to clarify that stand-alone parking lots, but not parking garages, unless they are an accessory use would be allowed in R-3 zoning, Wilkins second's motion and on call by Mayor Grenke for ayes and nays, the motion carried unanimously.**

#### VII. AS MAY RISE.

Wilkins reminded all Aldermen to complete Evaluation Form from mailing and bring to next meeting.

#### VIII. ADJOURN.

**Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Mayor Grenke and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

The Committee adjourned 8:27 p.m.