

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, August 8, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Jim Lee, and Chairperson at 7:08 p.m. (after a brief Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen).

Present.

Present also were Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, David Wilkins, Andrea Vollrath and Mayor Tim Grenke. Absent – None (Don Bormann's resignation having been accepted). Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Electric Foreman Mark Mustain, Water & Sewer Foreman Mike Forsee, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Jerry Parmeley, Paul Parmeley, Robby Ditto, Cemetery Sexton Phyllis Brown, Fire Chief Denny Rusch and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Comments from Citizens.

Mayor Grenke invited the two young boy scouts to speak. Jerry Parmeley introduced his son Paul and Robby Ditto and explained they were here to satisfy one of the requirements for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Water and Sewer Department

A. ACTIVITY REPORT Jim Lee asked for comments and questions on the monthly report. Harline noted that the recent DNR visit included questions about Hubbell and learned that Hubbell releases nothing into our system. Lee asked if it was a regular inspection. Harline said that it was, but they don't give notice. Forsee said it was every three years. Grenke asked about the Dollar General visit. Forsee said that it was a preliminary discussion and included where they wanted meters placed and how off shut of a fire suppression water line that would run under the new building.

B. WATER

Forsee noted that he would be making a repairing two four-inch lines and a six-inch valve on Rodemyre and Howard Burton so there will be a small cut on the street we just paved but it will be a small cut. Forsee added that he would be doing copper tests which involves taking samples from tap water at 20 households that were originally chosen randomly.

C. SEWER.

DNR visit: Lee asked if we had already covered that and Harline replied in the affirmative.

D. OTHER – None

Public Works

A. ACTIVITY REPORT Lee asked for comments and questions. Harline said that he hoped to have a storm update with the final figures but he received a bill from Dotson's today which hadn't been opened yet. Harline added that the City was done with storm cleanup. Lee noted that he had receive positive comments about how the City conducted the cleanup. Hoffman noted the City has a lot of mulch now. Lee added that he witnessed the grinding and it was an impressive machine.

B. STREETS

Street overlay update – Hoffman reported that the overlay had started. Harline stated that the plan was to finish up on Howard Burton heading north and keep going until we ran out of material. Grenke asked about Mayes Meadows. Harline said that we planned to do that in a future year and there was work on storm water to be done on that street first.

Alley behind the Extreme Mart – Harline stated that the new tenant, Dollar Tree, in the building immediately to the east of the Prenger’s Grocery Store wanted a dust free concrete or asphalt area to unload goods. Harline reported that he had spoken to Kevin Prenger today and the project would be much smaller than he originally thought and he would bring back any request for City participation if necessary.

Request for overlay on gravel streets - Harline noted that Darren Adams had approached him again about City cooperation on developing houses on Campbell Street in the Thomas Owens Subdivision. Harline said that we had a policy in place and would proceed with working on an agreement to upgrade the street in accordance with the policy. Adams indicated that he wanted to build on the existing 70-foot lots, not the 105-foot lots that the City had set up the utilities for according to the developer’s desire back in around 2003. Harline and Hoffman noted that a resident who had built a house on the end of Southland Street was interested in overlay for his street. Harline noted that the cost was five times what it was when the other residents pitched in to build the street in 1998 and it would require him to pay for the other side of the street because the lot was unbuildable. Phyllis Brown noted her folks share was \$580 dollars. Hoffman suggested waiting until we overlaid the entire street in a few years.

Sidewalk Project Update – Harline reported that the sidewalk was complete on the high school side of Jefferson Street except for the railings on the bridge/culvert over the stream. Harline said that they should be back next week after they complete putting sidewalk in front of a school in Prairie Home.

C. SANITATION

Update on RFP for Solid Waste Services – Harline reported that the RFP had been sent out by mail and had been advertised in the Fireside Guard. Harline added that a mandatory pre-bid meeting would be held later in the week and the City would begin developing their own proposal. Harline added that a committee should be appointed to evaluate the proposals.

D. STORM SEWER

Harline and Hoffman noted that Midland GIS was in town and gathering data for the new GIS layer. Harline Grenke asked about doing any in situ work. Harline said that we were not doing any in stormwater, only sanitary sewers. Lee reported that there is a storm sewer near the Chance Garden’s that seemed to need attention.

E.-OTHER

Grenke thanked the crews for all that they do to serve the City.

Electric Department

A. ACTIVITY REPORT Lee asked for comments and questions on the monthly report and there were none.

B. GENERATION / PURCHASE

Capacity purchase update: Harline said there was a conference call tomorrow to determine if it made sense to proceed with the capacity purchase contract. Harline said that it had become something of a game to get capacity, energy and transmission and it wasn’t clear if we could take credit for the capacity in another region. Mustain noted that this was for three years starting a year from now. Rodgers asked if we could get in trouble if we didn’t buy some. Harline said that there was enough capacity out there. Rodgers asked if we were in the same boat as Hannibal and the others and Harline said that we could even find an old turbine engine as a backup. Harline noted

that the other option is to buy from the market. Harline added that we sold the 2MW of Prairie State capacity this year because our current contract includes capacity with energy.

Opportunity to purchase power in 2021 – Harline said that with the Committee permission to bring back a resolution for August 29th to negotiate with MJMEUC or Clean Line Energy LLC. Harline said his motivation was three-fold: 1. to promote economic development because some of the parts would be built by Hubbell and that meant jobs; 2. to get affordable energy for Centralia, 3. to assure that some of the City's energy profile was in renewable energy in case that became a requirement someday. Harline added that Hannibal and Kirkwood had passed resolutions. Harline added that there might be some opposition. The Committee was supportive

Selecting the best bid for LED Streetlights – Mustain said it turned out that there was a price break for purchasing additional units, and there might be additional price breaks, but he would need to investigate further. Mustain added that it would also depend on what is available in the budget. Harline said that he felt the \$2,168 for 35 we could afford, but he thought one issue was the vision problem of the brighter lights to the south of Switzler and the dimmer ones to the north of Switzer. Grenke asked a question about the energy savings. Mustain said that the payoff used to be five years for electric saving alone. Mustain said one option would be to purchase 35 and finish Allen. Mustain noted that to do Jefferson would be another 40 and it was hard to find a project for exactly the 100 price break and he could come up with various amounts to do parts of the City. Mustain said that after the decorative lights you had to choose lamp heads and design the lights for the street. Grenke asked if that was how Mustain did Columbia Street and he answered in the affirmative. Mustain said that he was looking at more of the decorative lanterns. Mustain answered Harline by saying there would be about 140 more lights to buy if we purchased 35. Mustain noted how much the lights had come down in price.

Lee said he felt the best course of action would be to purchase 35 lights and review it at budget time. Harline agreed. **Magley made a motion to purchase 35 lights from Kriz-Davis for Allen St, in the amount of \$2,168.25. Vollrath seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

C. DISTRIBUTION

No comments.

D. OTHER

None

OTHER - None.

AS MAY ARISE - None.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:59 p.m.