

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, October 3, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Jim Lee, and Chairperson at 7:15 p.m. (After a brief Recessed Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Present also were Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, David Wilkins, Andrea Vollrath, Dick Ward and Mayor, Tim Grenke. Absent – None. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Electric Foreman Mark Mustain, Water & Sewer Foreman Mike Forsee, Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Comments from Citizens.

None.

Electric Department

A. ACTIVITY REPORT Lee asked for comments and questions on the monthly activity report. Grenke asked about the annual MPUA meeting. Mustain noted that the meeting was heavily oriented toward electric utilities. Mustain said that there were good sessions on pole attachment agreements and other good subjects.

B. GENERATION / PURCHASE

None.

C. DISTRIBUTION

None.

D. OTHER

MPUA Energy Efficiency: Harline reported that he had attended a meeting in Columbia with a firm MPUA is working with that is developing a strategy to use energy efficiency strategies to keep costs down and as an economic development tool. Harline added that it might be a useful tool to have to attract a business like a hotel.

Water and Sewer Department

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

B. WATER

None.

C. SEWER.

Forsee reported that we had a response letter from DNR and he is working to prepare the City's response. Harline noted that the corrections wanted were exactly what Forsee had said they would be. Lee asked if there was anything to be very concerned about. Forsee replied in the negative.

D. OTHER – None

Public Works

A. ACTIVITY REPORT Lee asked for comments and questions and there were none.

B. STREETS

Sidewalk project update – Harline stated that the sidewalk project would have a net change order coming of approximately \$917.49. Don Jenkins reported on behalf of MECO Engineering. Jenkins stated that the two changes were to lower two valves from the gas company to make them flush with the sidewalk and to re-establish a connection for John Smiths storm water piping. Jenkins said that there would be another change order he recommended that we replace the sod in John Smith’s yard with sod. Jenkins also noted that there would be a change to the City’s advantaged for additional fill material that was not needed. Jenkins said those changes would be ready for the meeting on the third Monday. Harline said he would like to do a ribbon-cutting for the sidewalk. Jenkins noted that all of the concrete was poured but there were several items left like seeding and spreading straw, painting crosswalks, installing pedestrian signs and a few other things. **Wilkins made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$917.49. Vollrath seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

C. SANITATION

Review of changes to trash and recycling services – Harline noted that pages seven and eight from the newsletter that was sent out that described the information on the new trash and recycling collection information. Harline noted that the City would pick up recycling in October on the regular schedule but in November Dayne’s would take over. Harline reported that regardless of your trash day, you would need to place your recyclable material on the curb on Friday, November 4th and Friday November 18th and every first and third Friday thereafter. Harline noted that the material has to be bagged and separated into containers and paper materials. Harline stated that we will be able to accept cardboard and office paper. Trash collection begins Monday (October 7th) but trash will have to be out by 5:00 a.m. Trash will need to be bagged inside the containers. Harline noted that Jimmy Morris was retiring and there would be a gathering in Community Room on Friday at noon to honor his 34 years of service to the City. Harline noted that commercial customers may be able to save money by going to a larger container with fewer pickups. As the 2-cubic yard containers owned by businesses come to the end of their life, he will replace those with containers that he owns and he will charge a monthly rental fee. Dayne will buy back old containers based on their remaining value. Harline added that Dayne’s works on all holidays except Christmas and so there will be trash collection on Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

D. STORM SEWER

Harline noted that the preliminary GIS mapping of the storm sewer system was almost complete and Phil was reviewing it.

E.-OTHER

None.

OTHER - None.

Ward asked if we have an ordinance that prevents keeping junk in your yard or parking a trailer in your front yard. Harline said that we do not but Magley had asked about that as well. Harline said some cities have ordinances that address this. Harline said in response to a comment from Wilkins that it would require defining what you don’t want and what you do want. Magley noted that we do have an ordinance that prevents you from having an unlicensed vehicle in your yard for more than 72 hours. Harline stated that the City enforces that several times each year due to the work of Sandy Buck. Magley said the last duplex on Hickman to the north just south of Sonic has two. Harline said that Sandy catches one or two each month. Ward stated the location of a vehicle on Miles Avenue that had expired plates. Magley asked for follow up on the situation on Whitman with the equipment blocking the street. Harline said he would send a letter out. Magley

noted that it was not in the proper zoning area. Grenke said that there was a lot in our code about trailers.

AS MAY ARISE – Grenke noted that he had been contacted about recognizing Kendra Conkright for her service to the City as a doctor for many Centralia residents.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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