

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, February 6, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Jim Lee, and Chairperson at 7:45 p.m.

I. PRESENT

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen David Wilkins, Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, Dick Ward, David Wilkins and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Water & Wastewater Foreman, Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, Street & Sanitation Forman Phil Hoffman, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, City Attorney Charles Thompson and Citizens Present were Rich Harvey of Sellenriek Construction, Steve Schultz and Celeste Spickert of Bartlet & West, Don Jenkins and Scott Volger of MECO Engineering, John Frerking of Engineering Survey & Services, Caleb Pashia and Renee Reeter (via Skype) of Kingdom Technologies and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lee led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

IV. PRESENTATION ABOUT A GIGABIT FIBER INTERNET PROPOSAL

Harline introduced Pashia and Reeter via Skype, of Kingdom Technologies and they introduced a proposal to the City, to serve the Community with Gigabit-fiber, high speed internet. Pashia stated that this would be through a lease agreement that will help businesses and houses with high speed internet. Pashia explained how this would be built in parts. Reeter explained what they are doing in Mexico by breaking down the community into fiber-hoods for receiving services in sections. Harline said the only way the City would pursue this is if there would not be a net loss of dollars for the City. Harline said this is just an informational presentation tonight. Harline noted that having this option is more attractive for businesses and the community. Lee asked if CenturyLink and Charter would still be available. Harline said yes this is something that would be competitive and that the other internet providers will still be available. Grenke thinks this is exciting and something to pursue. Forsee asked how this would work. Caleb explained main line fiber would be built by Kingdom Technologies and then leased back. Harline added the smart grid could eliminate driving around for meter reading; we just want to collect from it. Armontrout asked if Harline was referring to a two-way meter the City could even do disconnects this way. Harline said yes this could allow us to read and disconnect electric meters remotely. Harline wanted to know if Kingdom Technologies had any more questions. Pashia said in Mexico a lot of the small businesses are being priced for houses and not business.

Other

None

V. Water and Sewer Department

A. Activity Report

Lee stated there is an activity report included in packet and asked for comments and questions. Harline said Forsee has been cleaning out the sand filter beds. Forsee noted that they were working on moving bar screens around town and at the lift stations where they were having trouble. Forsee noted that they were getting closer to narrowing down the source of rags that had been causing problems at the lift stations and elsewhere in the system.

B. Water: None

C. Sewer

1. *Permit update:* Forsee said that DNR has given us a response and he has a preliminary draft to put together by March 23, 2017.

D. Other

Forsee said Matt Rusch and Josh Calvert take their waste water certification test this week.

VI. Electric Department

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A. Activity Report

Rodgers asked about the lights in the High School parking lot. Armontrout said he had replaced wiring and fixed the issue.

B. Generation

Harline reported that the City had to iron out some details of the capacity purchase from Big Rivers and assigning that capacity to NextEra in the MISO market. Harline reminded the committee that the City had purchased electricity from Ameren and related companies under various names for many years (currently Dynergy), but will be purchasing from NextEra on June 1, 2017. Harline added that Bob Harbour had been working on behalf of the City to make sure this transaction would go smoothly.

Harline asked if the committee would like to be informed through email the reports from Prairie State and the committee unanimously said yes.

C. Distribution

None

D. Other

None

VII. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Activity Report

Lee stated there is an activity report included in packet and asked for comments and questions. Grenke asked how the Street Department was going. Hoffman said the salt is full, and they are ready to go. Hoffman said the mulch pile is still burning. Harline stated that he and Phil were going to talk with Bruce Kasubke at Hubbell and see some signage might help direct truck drivers find Hubbell instead of the swimming pool and residential streets.

B. Streets

1. *Accepting best bid for fence on trail at Bruton St. and S.Columbia St.:* Harline said we have three bids for the fence repairs where a car drove through the fence at Bruton and S. Columbia Streets. Harline noted that the lowest and best bid is with James Fencing Company which is not local but they are northern Boone County. **Ward made a motion to approve the bid from James Fencing Company in the amount of \$1,500.00 Vollrath seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

C. Sanitation

1. *Recycling trailer grant application:* Harline reported that he would like to submit a grant application to the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District to purchase a recycling trailer. Harline noted we used to have one and had problems but a new location will be policed and have cameras and we would have to cover some of the costs. Harline replied to Hoffman that it would indeed be a roll-off recycling bin. **Vollrath made a motion, Grenke seconded this motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.**

D. Storm sewer

Hoffman said they had done a lot of culvert and inlet cleaning.

E. Other

Lee stated at the composite site we should have signage that states no commercial use. Lee noted that he had seen some silver maple yard waste that he suspects was dropped their by a commercial operation.

VIII. OTHER

A. *Authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate agreements with firms for on-call Engineering and Surveying Services.* Harline explained the scoring of the SOQs (statements of qualifications) for on-call engineers and surveyors. Harline said that the committee is recommending the City enter into agreements with the top three scoring engineering firms and one surveying firm and is asking to move forward with these agreements. Harline noted that representatives of these firms are here; Steve Schultz and Celeste Spickert of Bartlet & West, John Freking of Engineering Survey & Services, Don Jenkins and Scott Volger of MECO Engineering and Don Bormann of Bormann Surveying. Harline asked for a motion to move forward with agreements to be approved at the February 21st meeting. Later in the meeting, **Grenke made a motion to develop agreements with the four firms just introduced. Vollrath seconded this motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Harline wanted to remind everyone the General Government and Public Safety meeting is on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Grenke reported to the committee that it is time for census and the County has asked for our help.

X. ADJOURN

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

The Committee adjourned 8:28 p.m.