

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, October 2, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Lee, Chairperson at 7:20 p.m.

I. Present.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Andrea Vollrath, Landon Magley, and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman, Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout. Citizens present were Darren Adams and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

II. Comments from Citizens: No comments from citizens

III. Electric Department

A. Activity Report

Activity Report - Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report.

Armontrout said that in the next couple of weeks the Electric Dept. will be done with the Reed street project and everyone will have underground service. They did get all of the poles pulled on the 500 block of Central street so that is all done except the landscaping.

B. Generation

Harline said that the City of Rolla and others are planning a trip to Prairie State on November 2nd. Harline stated that anyone going would need to get to the plant (In Southern Illinois) by 9 a.m. Harline requested that if there is anyone on the Board who wanted to go see that let him know. Cydney Mayfield, the incoming City Attorney, has expressed interest in taking the tour of the mouth of the mine coal plant of which we own 2MW.

Harline said that there will be another meeting similar to the one that Lee, Armontrout and Harline went to Hannibal, where they will discuss municipal utility governance, later in November.

C. Distribution

D. Other

Harline said he attended MPUA meeting, where he learned some things and met with some different vendors. He said he talked with engineers at BHMFG about moving from an AMR system to an AMI system, which he said has some advantages. Harline noted that there are a lot of options including some less expensive ones. Harline said AMI allows for an outage management system that would be very beneficial and would let us know whose power is out before they called us.

IV. Public Works

A. Activity Report

Activity Report Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report.

Hoffman said his department went from paving and went to pavement markings, and there are only have a few left and will be done.

Harline said that the Board of Aldermen authorized to paint some of the spaces on Railroad Street in front of Hog Haven BBQ at an angle, which would increase the number of parking spaces by 5 or 7. Harline stated that that now would be the time to change it if we wanted to, but he believes the consensus is to keep it all parallel parking due to the truck traffic on the street. For that reason, Harline said that the safer option would be to stick with the parallel parking.

Grenke said he thought we agreed to leave it as is for a year or so, and assess it again to see if there was a need. Harline agreed that was the case. Smith questioned if there have been any complaints from truck drivers about the lack of parking there. Grenke said he has not heard any comments. Harline said there are some people who rent truck parking spaces, so we do not want to be in the business of providing so much free space that we are competing with those who rent the spaces.

Smith said he had heard complaints from a truck driver about others parking in the truck only parking. Harline said that would be an enforcement issue.

There was some discussion regarding if the signs said truck only parking or truck parking allowed.

Lee said that in regard to the diagonal parking on the north and south sides of Singleton Street in front of Prenger's grocery store gets pretty tight in there sometimes, especially if you get a couple of extended bed trucks in there. Harline said there is an amount of parking required of those businesses and they can count any spaces in the street within a certain number of feet as part of their parking requirement. Before we change it, Harline said he would need to do a count to make sure we don't make those businesses out of compliance. There was some discussion about crowded parking in other areas of town.

B. Streets

1. Street Overlay Follow-up Harline and Hoffman agreed that it had been discussed.

C. Sanitation

1. Recycling roll-off project update

Harline said he has have the specs from the City of Columbia, but wanted to let you know they would be going out for bid pretty soon.

D. Storm Sewer

E. Other

Hoffman said he would like to bring up the need to look at City ordinances to see if there is anything about contractors unloading steel track equipment on our city streets. Hoffman reported that this happened recently on a newly paved street and didn't do any damage, but easily could have.

V. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

A. Activity Report

Activity Report Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report. Forsee said the Water & Sewer Dept. got the primary basin behind the water plant back on. Forsee reported that they installed a new bearing, chain, switches and everything is back on. Forsee reported that the wastewater is completely empty at both lagoons and all three farmer's ponds are empty.

B. Water

1. Repairs to scraper

Harline said it was a lot of labor from the City crews and we will keep track of the labor and include it in the capital project column. Harline added that the Water guys were out there many hours over the weekend working on this project, in addition to working on it Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week along with their regular duties.

C. Sewer

1. Pending change order for sanitary sewer rehab

Harline said we will have a change order at the October 16th meeting for the Visu Sewer contract for the sewer lining. We found a place between Eastmont and Jefferson where there is a sewer that needs lining. Forsee said the area is in bad shape; it is 272 feet long with 6 houses on it, and is about twelve foot deep. Forsee noted that the area is pretty tight, and if City crews go in there they are afraid they will tear up everything and be more than \$5,000 into the project. Forsee added that there was a blockage in one of the lines that we found when we had to go into it with the camera. Forsee stated that it was pretty bad. The goal, Forsee said, is to stop the infiltration and keep it from collapsing. Forsee explained that the line is clay tile, and if we can get the lining in it will be better than before. Harline said those are great places for roots to get in. Forsee said that there was already about a 4 foot root in the line. Harline said the cost will be about \$5700.

D. Other

VI. OTHER

A. Selecting Energy Savings Company for Energy Performance Contract

Harline gave an update: there were eight companies that toured the facilities, five companies submitted proposals, and the committee conducted three interviews. Harline noted that there were some follow up questions and all four members of the committee will get together Thursday night to bring a recommendation next Monday night. Harline

said that the goal is to make the operation savings pay for itself.

AS MAY RISE

Magley said there is a house on Rodemyre where the weeds in the backyard are tall enough to touch the ceiling and haven't been mowed all summer. It's between Howard Burton and Maple, the middle house.

Harline said there was one on another street across town also that had recently been caught, and he said he will talk to Sandy about it tomorrow.

Rodgers questioned if the City has given out warnings on grass this year. Harline said there are about 10-15 per week. We schedule a hearing about every 2 weeks, and we've done an abatement where we've cut the grass and sent the bill.

VIII. ADJOURN.

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

The Committee adjourned 7:45 p.m.