

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Lee at 7:00 p.m.

I. Attendance.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Matt Harline, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, and Robert Hudson. Also attending were, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman, Mike Forsee Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout and Police Chief Larry Dudgeon. Citizens present included; James Smith of the Fireside Guard

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Comments from Citizens

None

IV. Public Works

A. Activity Report

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

Hoffman said there were a lot of little things to work on, nothing big at the time. Hoffman did mention the second to the newest truck #77 had to be taken to Meyers Truck Service for servicing and maintenance. Hudson asked about item number 12 on the Activities Report and Hoffman explained that it was Dayne's issue. Harline said it was because a customer thought some damage had been done by Dayne's Disposal but investigation showed it was not.

B. Streets

1. MODOT Meeting on MO HWY 22/124/151

Harline reported that the Central and Northeast District Engineers from MODOT met with him and others on Friday due to the number of accidents at that intersection. Harline noted that while this was a local priority, MODOT said this was not a high priority for them at this time but they are willing to move it up on the list if we are willing to pay half. There also may be a loan option. Harline reported that the project design that MODOT found most appealing to them is a roundabout; the only other solution MODOT felt would work is grade separation, like an overpass. Grenke said they did see options for roundabouts that would work for grain trucks and larger vehicles. Grenke added that MODOT said there are other intersections that have a higher fatality rate. Grenke said that most of the accidents have been out of towners that were not paying attention. The latest accident was someone thinking it was a four way stop. Lee asked about the rumble strips, do they need to be redone. Harline said he can get information about cost sharing to further this. Grenke said MODOT already has enough right-of-way for a roundabout. Hudson asked about stop signs and Grenke said they would not help because of time of day, with the sun. Rodgers spoke about just North of Paris the flashing different lights for stop signs. Grenke said the LED lights are nice but not helpful during the day. Hudson is wondering if there is something we can do temporarily, while waiting for a long term. Harline wants to look at data and doesn't want to mess up traffic there. Grenke asked about the about doing a traffic study right at Jefferson and McDonalds while we were researching. Harline said

the meeting with MODOT included discussion of the Jefferson Street intersection and was a very good meeting overall. Harline added that 124 and Lakeview was also discussed briefly. Lee is requesting more time. Harline said he can get more information.

C. Sanitation

Hoffman explained the grinding bids for the brush pile, one and two grinds through Hansen's Tree Service out of O'Fallon, MO. Hansen's will grind up the brush pile for \$16,750.00 or double grind for \$21,500. Having it ground twice will make it smaller and better product explained Hoffman. Harline said that we are purchasing a service and would be willing to get another price for an air curtain pit burning by another vendor. He has seen this before in Mexico. Lee asked if the bid has an expiration on it, Hoffman said they can hold off for now. Hoffman said they use the current mulch product around a lot of the parks trees, but it is not a great product. Harline stated the double grind product would go faster because it is easier for customers to use. Harline asked if the grind was smaller would it make it more likely it to combust. Hoffman said that the pile combusted before because the brush pit was too large, a smaller pile would be less likely to catch fire. Lee would like more information on this and Hoffman said he will get more information.

D. Storm sewer

Hoffman said they have a few culverts to put in yet.

E. Other

Harline said the bids are due on the 15th for the roll-off recycling container bids. This is funded by grant from the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District.

V. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

A. Activity Report

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

Forsee said there have been some leaks. The ground has been dry. He is hoping for moisture before winter.

B. Water

1. *Water main break update- Boil Orders/Advisories* - Harline two years in a row we have had major water breaks in October, where we issued a boil order. Harline explained that when the water pressure drops under 20 psi DNR says that we are supposed to issue an advisory. Forsee said the risk is the contaminated water that could go into the line and this is why the water department "over digs" the ditch when they do a repair and they disinfect everything to reduce the risk. Harline said it was on KMIZ and The Fireside Guard posted it on Facebook. Harline said that we would like to obtain the technology to do automatic calling. [Armontrout left to respond to a service call for electric.] Grenke said about three years ago Wilkins had researched something similar to a phone system for customers affected to be reached about this information. Vollrath asked if the system existed. Forsee said that Audrain Water District #2 has this capability. Forsee said the City did everything per DNR. Forsee said when it's a smaller group then he can let them know easier with leaflets. Forsee said they have to go up and downstream from the break and get samples anytime this happens. The samples were clean for the latest incident Forsee noted and we cannot lift the boil order until that is done.

Smith asked about how dry soil leads to water leaks underground and Forsee said it's the extreme dry ground gets tight and pulls at the pipes. In response to a question from Rodgers Forsee stated that we are is seeing a lot of residential leaks because of this.

2. *Declaring Truck #6 surplus property* - Harline wants to dispose of the truck once the new truck comes in. The new truck is 4x4. Forsee said this truck will be very helpful for pulling as well. **Vollrath made a motion to sell the #6 Surplus Truck and Grenke seconded the motion, which was then approved by unanimous voice vote**

C. Sewer

The new draft has been updated to include the remapped blue lines that allow the City to continue our public-private partnership with the three farm families without any major modifications. This symbiotic arrangement has kept the sewer bills low for Centralia residents for decades, while protecting the natural environment. Harline reported that the draft permit allows the City four years to achieve the enhanced requirements for *E coli* levels and ammonia levels in the effluent. These improvements to the system will require investments by the City and therefore higher sewer bills. In the next week or so we expect the final agreement to be brought forward by DNR on the SCEAP grant and those funds will cover the expenses of engineering and drafting the plan on which we will base our bond issue. Forsee, Davis of Bartlett and West and Harline are reviewing this draft to make comments in time for the November 14th deadline. Forsee noted that Bartlett and West has done a great job. We are still on schedule to place a ballot issue before the voters in April. Harline said we are better off working with DNR; they are local and understand the federal law and state requirements. DNR are doing what they are supposed to and are working with us. Lee asked how we have gotten by for four year without a permit and Forsee said it is DNR trying to synchronize permitting of all similar facilities and it has been beneficial. Forsee added that there is also additional recordkeeping required.

D. Other

Forsee wanted to remind everyone of Randy Adams retirement, he has been with us for 14 years. Adams retirement party is December 27, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the community room. Harline noted that the Annual Employee Christmas lunch is one week prior from noon to 2:00 p.m.

V. Electric Department

A. Activity Report

Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report. Harline said they did send Charter, Century Link, and Socket information on our plan for undergrounding utilities next year between Reed and Denton.

B. Generation – None

C. Distribution – None

D. Other

Harline said we did get a proposal from Dynergy at a price lower than we are currently paying for electric power starting in 2020, but it is still early. Also The Clean line is still trying to move

forward.

VI. OTHER.

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

Harline said we are going to meet weekly with regional planning committee and there will be a draft before Christmas

B. City Website and technology updates.

Harline said there will be a request for proposals to update the website and the Parks Department is really interested in this. This will be a rebuild. Harline said the current website is difficult to maneuver and outdated. The new design would be much cleaner as well. Vollrath would like to see it more mobile friendly.

C. Budget Retreat

Lee said it has been filled out. Looks like in December the date is not secure.

VIII. AS MAY RISE

Grenke wanted to let everyone know about the Veterans Day 5K /10K with 8:00 a.m. registration, starting 9:00 a.m. this Saturday and is going to take place at the Centralia City Cemetery.

Vollrath, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Grenke seconded the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:02 p.m.