

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, February 1, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Andrea Vollrath, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m. Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Dick Ward, Don Bormann and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman, Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman, Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman, Mark Mustain City Clerk, Jessica Orsini and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

Pledge of Allegiance Those present recited the pledge.

### Comments from Citizens.

Daniel De La Rosa 429 South Collier Street spoke the Committee about stakes that were removed thereby compromising the grid of the City. De La Rosa questioned Mr. Bormann about why he removed stakes. Bormann said that he set new stakes but that he did not remove any stakes. Harline pointed out that the matter at hand involves Bormann Surveying not the City of Centralia. De La Rosa insisted that the City should be enforcing the property lines. Chief Dudgeon said that the route to pursue was the Circuit Court. Grenke agreed that it is a civil court matter. De La Rosa insisted that it is a City matter and that he submitted his survey to the County three months ago. Chairwoman Vollrath closed the Comments from Citizens

### Water and Sewer Department

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the monthly report. Magley asked if any of the frozen meters broke. Forsee replied that they just warmed them up but none broke.

#### **WATER**

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

*Water plant improvements update:* Harline reported that he had hoped that the potential bond funded energy savings project that Greg Modlish from 360 Engineers had been proposing would produce enough savings to fund some other needed improvements at the Water plant. An error in calculation had made the gains look better than they would be. Harline said that he wants to move forward with the update to the Comprehensive Plan before doing any big projects. Harline said that he and Forsee had looked at immediate needs and felt that except for the aerator, they might spend about \$2,000 - \$3,000 on changing the media in one of the beds of the sand filters. The air scour equipment that cleans the sand filter was too expensive at \$103,000.

*Capital Budget Requests:* Harline said that he is budgeting \$50,000 for the aerator and \$15,000 for engineering at the Water Plant but that was it.

*Replacement pump bids* Harline noted that this is really a Sewer Department issue. Harline said that we had \$6,500 budgeted this year for a replacement pump for the Fountain Street lift station which is what the bids are for.. Forsee noted that the same pump is used at the overland flow field. Magley asked about getting parts and repairing the current pump. Forsee said that was the plan, to get it fixed and make it the backup pump. Forsee added that each repair seems to run about \$4,000. Bormann asked about rags getting caught in the lift station. Forsee noted how much time they spent on trying to remove the rags, but they had not nailed down from where the rags were coming. The Committee discussed solutions including a grinder and taking a sample to the University for analysis. Harline asked for a motion to approve the best bid from S&S Motor in Mexico. **Grenke made a motion to approve the bid from S&S Electric Motor Service, Inc. in Mexico for \$6,080.00 plus freight. The motion was seconded by Lee and**

**approved by unanimous voice vote.**

#### SEWER

*Capital Budget Requests* Harline noted that he had put in the preliminary budget request a for \$45,000 for sewer main lining which he and Forsee think will knock off three more streets but eventually they would like to do a much larger project on Lakeview Street. Harline said this preliminary budget included \$7,500 for manhole lining as well. Forsee explained their success in the past with Midwest Cementitious the summer before last on manholes including the one behind the pool hall. Harline noted that the preliminary budget included \$10,000 for equipment replacement for the land application system for some of the stuff that is getting pretty old. Harline noted that each farmer should have two spare tires on hand plus some other spare parts.

OTHER None.

#### Public Works

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions. Grenke asked about trash trucks and Hoffman said that both trucks were up and running that day. Harline noted that Truck 89 was back up and running. Magley asked about the battery disconnect noted in the report. Hoffmann said that occasionally that truck won't start so it was suggested to replace the battery disconnect and it seems to have worked. Harline noted that there were no new trash trucks budgeted for FY2017 but the older truck needed to be replaced. Harline reminded the Committee that they had replaced the new truck when it caught fire.

#### STREETS

*Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project Update.* Harline said that we had all the easements in hand with one more to record, the bid packet was being prepared with bid requests to go out in March and choosing a firm in April; everything is still on schedule.

*Capital budget requests:* Harline said that we have another payment on the front loader of \$44,000. The expenditures show that we spent well more than \$44,000 this year, but remember we received a very good payment for our loader on GovDeals. Hoffman said the trade-in offer was \$25,000 it sold for \$33,000. Harline said that he was also going to add a single-axle dump truck but that he was still getting bid information.

#### SANITATION

*Capital budget requests* Harline said that the \$100,000 was the full amount of the grant request, but the actual truck cost would likely be less, either way there would be offsetting revenue of 75%. Harline explained that the grant was written to buy two trucks, a front line truck and a backup from the City of Columbia since a used truck will go down sometime, but he felt that we could develop an alternative plan and buy one truck. Harline said that we are looking at other options as well, including Fulton which may be selling a truck and Phil is checking with Armor Equipment. Harline noted that our out of pocket costs would not exceed \$25,000 and probably more like \$15,000.

#### STORM SEWER

*Capital budget requests* Harline said the budget included \$20,000 for a rip-rap solution to the east of Miles on the Miles Street Ditch. Harline said that he thought it would be a good idea to slow that water down as it approached the park. Hoffman noted that they had had success with rip-rap in the park and in the ditch along Jefferson Street near Stowers' building. Bormann noted that the engineered plans in hand are for a concrete ditch, but a rip-rap solution might be cheaper and better. Harline said that there is \$15,000 for engineering for the Miles Street project as well as Mayes Meadows, and Bradford and Barnes. Bormann asked about the Bradford Street storm culverts and the Committee discussed options for repairing it including pre-cast concrete in

sections. Harline noted that there are two 6-foot wide storm sewers that were both over \$100,000 to repair. Hoffman said that he thought we might not need nearly as big of a culvert on Bradford Street. Bormann asked about the \$66,000. Harline and Hoffman replied that it was for this year's project at Gano Chance and Jefferson.

### Electric Department

*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions about the activity report. Vollrath asked about the repair in her neighborhood. Mustain explained that it was a quality control issue from the manufacturer that was on our end. Mustain said that they checked all the others nearby and that one was the only one with a problem.

### GENERATION

*Purchased power agreement update – legal fees* Harline noted that the group was looking at options for selling excess capacity from the Prairie State plant either in an agreement like last year, or in the MISO market auction. Harline explained that we sold our excess for \$24,000 last year and we were looking at options for this year, but so far there are fewer options. Harline reported that that we were also looking at trying to see if we had the right to sell unused capacity in our Dynergy agreement. Harline noted that if we had gone to auction last year, we would have made about three times as much, but that the auction was under a lot of scrutiny for the way it went.

*Kinked's solar application:* Harline said that the installation was pretty much complete. Mustain noted that the bi-directional meters had just come back after being modified. Lee asked a question about the installation and Mustain said he wasn't certain about that particular item. Harline noted that the City would not be writing a check if Kinkead's generated more than they used, they would simply be issued a credit.

### DISTRIBUTION

*Capital budget requests:* Harline said that the \$30,000 was for the expansion of the GIS system to include storm water mapping. Harline reported that the request for \$28,000 was for a truck, but there was a little padding in case the State bid expired, and so that Mark might get power windows. Harline said that the \$85,000 was for the URD-wire for the conduit installed in the boring project.

*Community solar:* Harline noted that Kinkead's Pharmacy was getting set to install our first solar project in town. Harline added that he and Mustain were on the MPPUA mailing list for community solar. Harline said he put this on the agenda in part because wanted to see if any Committee members had an interest in pursuing a City project. Harline said that there were tax credits available for the for-profit companies who could build and sell the City the power under a purchased power agreement. Harline noted that \$5,000 is in the budget for lights along Jefferson Street for the sidewalk project. Magley asked about lights for the trail along the COLT tracks which had been discussed before. Harline said that he would look to see if it could be added.

*Fiberglass light pole bid* Mustain said that this was a bid for five fiberglass light poles and additional for future new subdivisions. Mustain said in answer to a question from Harline that it was just the pole. Mustain noted that two of the bidders explicitly included shipping, but even after adding the shipping Fletcher-Reinhardt was the best price. **Ward made a motion to approve the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt for \$1,355, plus freight. The motion was seconded by Magley and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

### Other

*Potential bond funded energy savings project update:* Harline said that Greg Modlish was recalculating the potential for the project. Harline explained about the advantages for the LED lighting project. Harline said that the preliminary indications are that the project would pay for itself and net a savings for the City. Harline asked if the Committee wanted him to make a presentation to describe the project. Orsini asked if the savings included labor savings. Harline replied that the City tracks that expense, but it was so little that it was not included in the savings of the project. Harline added that it was good question because labor savings are often included. Mustain said that he saw it was less for him to deal with if the LED lights extended the life of street lights. Lee asked if it would be a problem if, since they would all be new together, they would all get old together. Harline said that what we have now with the high pressure sodium. Mustain said that street lighting replacement is the kind of project that can be done when it is too muddy to do anything else. Magley and Bormann said they tended to want to do a slow replacement.

### As May Arise

Harline noted there was an annexation and rezoning coming up and that Merritt Beck said that the publication of the notice of the meeting this Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> would suffice as the request for a recommendation from the Board. Grenke asked if it was a voluntary annexation and Harline answered in the affirmative. Harline noted that it would only be a public hearing and we would likely need a recessed meeting to approve the annexation and rezoning. No objection was raised.

Grenke noted that he would be out of town the entire next week. Harline added that the State Champion Centralia High School Cheerleaders would be at the next meeting.

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

The Committee adjourned 8: p.m.