

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, April 4, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Andrea Vollrath, and Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

### I. Present.

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 & Sewer Foreman Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman Mark Mustain, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and David Lawrence of the Fireside Guard. Citizen's present were Daniel De La Rosa and Jessica Orsini.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present recited the pledge.

### III. Comments from Citizens.

Daniel De La Rosa, questioned the Aldermen, regarding the white substance at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. De La Rosa asked if any further testing would be done, to determine what exactly the substance was. Forsee and Bormann commented that it was caused by the disposed materials that had been found in the lift station screens.

### IV. Electric Department

*A.-Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Grenke asked about the shut-offs conducted from the prior month of March. Mustain stated that it was a much higher amount than normal; possibly the most he has ever seen.

*B.-Generation/Purchase.* –

1. Long term power RFP and sale of capacity-

Harline noted the auction for the capacity sale by MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) would be held on April 14, 2016.

2. Prairie State update-

Harline noted both Unit-1 and Unit-2, were down briefly to repair tube leaks and both will be back on-line soon. Harline added that Unit-2 had been scheduled for Spring maintenance already.

*C. Distribution-None.*

*D. Other-*

Harline stated that an application for “Utility Pole”, had been received from MO Network Utility Transport. Harline added that this was actually a 120 foot “monopole” that could be used as a cell phone tower.

### V. Water and Sewer Department

*A.-Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions on the monthly report and there were none.

*B.-WATER*

Vollrath asked about the new phase of Southwest Country Estates. Harline asked if the Alderman would like a more detailed report on Southwest Country Estates Plat 4. Grenke asked about testing three meters for Fulton. Forsee replied that Fulton was checking for accuracy as part of a remote reading project and comparing the old meters to the new

meters because they did not have a test bench. Harline noted that the accuracy of Centralia's water meters is why the Energy Saving Project would not enable us to gain additional revenue by replacing the meters.

1. Replacement Aerator inlet valve and actuator-

Harline noted that the City had an existing agreement with Gonzales to work with the Water Department and this was the first bill, essentially. The First Task Order would be to establish specifications for the project and asked for approval. Harline said that he had questions about the Second Task order. Harline asked for approval of Task Order #1.

**Lee made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order #1 with Gonzales Companies, LLC in the amount of \$9,900.00 Bormann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

2. Air scour pilot-

Harline noted he would like to hold off on discussing the second item further, until it is certain what Task Order #2 includes.

C.-SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Landscaping RFB-

Harline said that they had a large number of landscaping projects and noted Forsee and Mustain have requested to seek bids. Harline discussed the credit from the boring project that can be applied towards landscaping costs. Ward asked for the number of sites and Harline responded that there were at least eleven.

D.-OTHER.

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Forsee noted there will be a bid, next week for Southwest Country Estates materials. Harline noted they have been working closely with the owner of Southwest Country Estates, to make sure the project proceeds properly. Harline noted that this was the same process Darren Adams had used on Cobblestone Lake Estates, Bormann responded that it would be the contractor's prerogative to install infrastructure first of obtain a bond. Harline noted that the City expects a future Minor Plat on HWY 22, sometime in May. Grenke asked about the radio cost replacement and Forsee responded with the costs to replace the damaged radio.

VI. Public Works

A.-*Activity Report* Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Grenke, asks about how the recycling program is going. Hoffman responded that we are slowly getting the process at the Columbia recycling center fine-tuned because we are still the only one using the bags. Hoffman said overall the program was working well. Harline reported that he had a discussion with Gary Ryan regarding plastic recycling which is costing us \$3,600 per year. Bormann asked if Columbia had been involved in the discussion and Harline noted a discussion about the costs would be revisited.

B.-STREETS

Vollrath asked for comments and comments.

1. Street Overlay RFB-

Harline stated the draft RFB is included in the agenda packet and the plan is to move forward with advertising. Harline discussed the possibility of adding the cost for asphalt over on the east end of Southland. Hoffman stated that the residents to the west helped with asphalt costs, in the past. Harline stated that there was a short patch on Railroad, which Hoffman noted was between Barr and Hickman that could be the site for additional overlay in the bids came in low.

#### Sidewalk Grant Update-

Harline noted the RFB's have been sent out and are due back April 14th, 2016 at 2:00pm. Harline mentioned an open invite to come and watch bid openings and reviews.

#### C.-SANITATION

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

##### 1. Spring Clean Up-

Hoffman stated they had dumpsters coming to the landfill and that Spring clean-up would be this coming weekend, April 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Grenke made note that the Mayor and Alderman have adopted Singleton Street, to clean -up and wanted to set a date before Anchor Fest.

##### 2. Special Pickup for Residential Service-

Harline noted the draft ordinance in the Agenda Packet. Harline discussed how additional charges would be imposed for excessive trash, special trash collections and collection of bulky items. Harline said that he had be told by a private trash hauler that there might be people bringing trash into the City for collection. Grenke asked about non-residents bringing in trash, Harline replied that it is hard to catch and impose the fines and penalties upon these individuals. Harline concluded asking for future feedback regarding this matter and then he will move forward. Bormann said he felt the Board had said that they were supportive of the idea.

#### D.-STORM SEWER

Vollrath asked for comments and questions.

Hoffman stated he has quite a few culverts to install, including in front of all the new homes Darren Adams has built on Ivy Lane.

E.-OTHER- Hoffman stated Hansen's has completed the grinding of the mulch and it is ready to go. Harline noted that he had observed the machine in progress. Magley asked how much was left from last time. Hoffman said very little was left. Hoffman added that Erle Bennet was using a lot in the parks.

#### VII. Other

Vollrath asked for comments and questions and there were none.

##### A.-RFQ for engineering services-

Harline noted, he has plans to present an RFQ for an on-call Engineer for the Storm Water Plant Work, Road Design and Water Treatment Work and will discuss further in the future.

#### VIII. As May Arise-

Chief Larry asked for opinions, regarding weed killer and amounts. Grenke stated that next Monday night he will be adding a Proclamation, for Telecommunications Week and the cub scouts would be at that meeting too at 6:30. Harline noted that Elections were on Tuesday.

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

The Committee adjourned 7:44 p.m.