

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting for Monday, July 10, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grenke at 7:06 p.m.

I. Attendance.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Matt Harline, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, Dick Ward, and David Wilkins. Also attending were Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, City Attorney Charles Thompson, Intern to the City Administrator Sam Bezjak and Police Chief Larry Dudgeon. Citizens present James Smith of the Centralia Fireside Guard.

II. Comments from Citizens.

Mayor Grenke said he had several citizens approach him from the Mayes Meadows area discussing their desire to have their road repaired over the extension of Randolph Road. He expected that they might be here tonight.

III. Electric Department

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

A. Activity Report

Lee asked about cards. Armontrout said they are “read in and outs or disconnects”.

B. Generation

None

C. Distribution

1. Reed Street Underground Project

Harline discussed the Reed Street underground electric project. Harline explained that the project has two choices; staying within the existing easement which passes through the middle of back yards versus a route near or in the right-of-way (ROW) easement for McBride Street as platted (where the current walking trail is). Harline noted that burying the line near the trail in the McBride ROW would cost more. Harline added that during a meeting held with homeowners the consensus was for the path near the trail even though the residents affected would have to pay \$42, approximately half the additional cost versus the path in the existing easement. Lee asked if everyone was on board with this. Harline said that all the neighbors that are affected by the different paths have agreed and he will be in contact with Charter and Century Link as well. There may need to be some easements put in place for the service drops across one property owner's yard.

2. Campbell Street

Harline wants to give a heads up that Darren Adams wants to build on the existing lots on Campbell Street. The City had installed the utilities years ago when a plan was submitted, but never legally executed to split the nine existing lots on each side of Campbell to six lots on each side. Harline reported that the lot splits were never actually submitted and Adams wants to build on some of the original nine lots on the north side even though the utilities had been installed for six. Harline stated that there will be an ordinance accepting an easement on the north side of Campbell and the west side of Central Street. There was discussion about the fact that street would remain a gravel road. Harline noted that when the area was platted, the City typically built the streets but there is an existing policy that says the City can accelerate the pace of any upgrades by the voluntary contribution of property owners. Harline also reported that the south side would likely develop as six lots and in fact there is one lot that

cannot be built without a lot split because a sewer line goes right through it. Rodgers showed concern for future home owners as to if they would know their road would be gravel for the foreseeable future. Hoffman said the Realtor would know that the road would stay gravel, they would be the one to disclose this information.

D. Other

1. *GIS Access Policy*: Harline discussed that we have the ability to give access for read only rights to the City GIS system, if they pay a set fee. Wilkins questioned is this a draft? Harline said yes. Lee said it looks like a risk because of the million dollar insurance. Harline explained that by granting access there is an increased chance of being hacked. Wilkins said this is infrastructure information and that the million dollar insurance was not uncommon. Harline said that the GIS platform is a hosted solution and that the information is backed up. Harline added that a lot of developers have said this is very desirable to them. Harline said that we can set an expiration date. Wilkins asked if other cities have been required for a million dollar insurance and that the risk is there. Harline had been speaking with Marilyn at Angell's Insurance.

IV. Public Works

Hoffman discussed some of the work they have been doing.

A. Activity Report

Activity Report Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and there were none.

B. Streets

1. *Randolph Street extension*: Harline asked the Aldermen to select among the options for Randolph Road. Harline noted that one possibility he discussed with Lee was building a concrete street from Hwy 22 past Remington and the packed gravel north to Rowland Street. Ward thinks the gravel makes a lot of sense. Harline discussed that this will be less expensive. Hoffman said the gravel is a good base for future concrete. Wilkins would like Harline to bring back pricing and options.

C. Sanitation

1. *Recycling Grant*: Harline has not seen the final documentation but believes our grant has scored well enough for a recycling trailer with the possibility of two by next year. Harline was asked where this would be located and he said possibly by the Street Department building toward Howard Burton. Grenke said he would like to have a camera placed in that location for people that do not use it properly and potentially place it where you can see the gas pumps as well.

D. Storm sewer

Hoffman and his street crew will be working on Briarwood. Harline also included that the county may be getting some FEMA assistance after the recent storms.

E. Other

None

V. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

A. Activity Report

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

Forsee said they removed the fire hydrant at Howard Burton & Booth because “it kept getting hit by trucks and other vehicles”. Forsee noted that there are enough other hydrants in that area. Harline said Sam Bezjak has been working with Garmin and they have been helpful but Google and Apple require more work to get updated maps in the city.

B. Water

None

C. Sewer

SCEAP Grant, Harline explained the grant and talked about how Bartlett and West are working to help together to maintain and upgrade the irrigation system.

D. Other

None

VI. OTHER.

None

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

None

VIII. ADJOURN.

Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Vollrath seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:43 p.m.