

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting for Monday, August 7, 2017.

Aldermen Jim Lee called the meeting to order, at 7:00 p.m.

I. Attendance.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Matt Harline, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Jim Lee, Dick Ward, and David Wilkins. Also attending were, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman Mike Forsee, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, and Intern to the City Administrator Sam Bezjak. Citizens present included James Smith of the Centralia Fireside Guard, Richard Dickerson and Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Comments from Citizens.

None

IV. Richard Dickerson gave a presentation to install a street sign on Gano Chance for the Cross-Country Runners. Dickerson discussed that the only hill the High School Cross Country runners will be running on is on Gano Chance, there is a blind spot and he is asking that they be allowed to place a black and yellow sign that reads slow down runners ahead it would be 24 inch by 36 inches tall and will hang on the existing speed limit sign. Dickerson stated that the sign will only be temporary and can be opened and closed by the runners so that it will only be on display when they are running.

V. Public Works

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

Hoffman said the big thing that has been done is the curb work at Eastmont and Westwind. They do have a little piping still. Capital Paving should be in town around the first of September. Lee stated this will be sooner than we think. Grenke asked about the Board of Adjustment meeting that Hoffman attended. Harline replied that it concerned a setback variance at 420 West Singleton.

B. Streets

Harline said that he had cut and pasted Dickerson's email about the sign on Gano Chance Road and put it in his memo to inform the board. Harline said that while this sign does not technically conform with the manual on street signs, he does not think it will harm anything and may help some if it is a sign that goes up and down when the runners are out there, not one that is up all the time. Harline would like to have the City Staff put this sign up if approved. Grenke thinks this will be very helpful in raising awareness that there are runners present. Harline said this will be a sign that opens and closes. Dickerson said Coach Watermen is all for this sign as well. Lee believes this is a very reasonable request. Lee asked the board and they are all for the sign and they all agreed.

Hoffman stated that they have done at least 800 feet of curb and cutter. Harline said for a three man crew it is very impressive.

C. Storm Sewer

Hoffman is going to replace the pipe under the road at Gano Chance and replace the pipe at Westwind and Bryson behind the football field. Harline is happy to see the Streets Department working mostly on streets and no other items at this time.

D. Sanitation

Harline said the grant was approved for a recycling roll-off and he would be getting bids on a unit very similar to the recycling roll-offs they have in Columbia. Hoffman asked how soon and Harline said he was hoping to have it in place in time for the next newsletter.

E. Other

None

VI. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Forsee said they got the well lowered 40 feet and the chlorine equipment in and this chlorine equipment will be faster and safer.

B. Water

Grenke wanted to point out the thank you card that was received for the repairs to Heritage Hall Sewer. Forsee said the fire line/service line that had a six inch crack and they fixed it within an hour and a half on the north side of the building.

C. Sewer

One customer is receiving sewer service outside of City limits. They are not receiving water or electric, it is not possible to have them "shut off". Harline said he wants the board to think about this for the future. They paid ahead but then starting getting behind each time. They are having 5% late penalty and will have to eventually pay. Harline would like to have a policy put into place to require direct pay. Grenke said he had someone contact about a getting sewer service outside the City limits.

D. Other

Forsee mentioned they have a meeting coming up, Harline said it is Wednesday August 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Harline is hoping to have bids for a truck soon.

VII. Electric Department

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

Armontrout put the underground installed on the north side of Thomas-Owens. They have been cutting down trees. There have also been new services and tags. Armontrout added that the Electric crew with Sam have counted all the street lights in town for the LED lighting part of the ESCO RFP.

B. Generation

Harline sent three weekly reports on Prairie State and the City has also paid their first payment to Big Rivers for capacity.

C. Distribution

1. *Bid for 25 KVA Pad mound transformers*, Harline said he had contacted the vendors and all transportation costs are included. Harline asked that the Committee approve the lowest and best

bid from Irby. Grenke asked if these had a warranty and Armontrout was unsure, he will look into it. **Ward made a motion to accept the bid of Irby in the amount of \$5,300 and Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

2. *Reed Street underground project update* Armontrout stated that they were just getting started. Harline said he will call Bormann for surveying to determine exactly where the existing easement is, and where new ones will need to be acquired and expense will be under \$1,250.

D. Other
None

VIII. OTHER.

Closing Switzler Street on Saturday, August 12th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harline described the request by Hubbell for their picnic on Saturday the 12th. **Grenke made a motion to close Switzler between Pratt and Howard Burton on Saturday, August 12th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ward seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.** Hoffman said that he will drop off the barricades.

IX. AS MAY RISE.

None

X. ADJOURN.

Lee made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Ward seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:32 p.m.