

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, December 4, 2017.**

The meeting was called to order by Aldermen James Lee, at 7:00 p.m.

### I. Present.

Present also were Aldermen Robert Hudson, Andrea Vollrath, Donald Rodgers, and Landon Magley. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Street & Sanitation Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water & Wastewater Foreman Mike Forsee, and Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout. Citizen present was James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Lee led those present in the Pledge.

### III. Comments from Citizens:

None

### IV. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

A. *Activity Report* Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report. Lee asked Forsee to explain what Visu-Sewer did. Forsee explained they were the firm that did the sewer lining that Insituform had done in prior years. Lee asked about the process. Forsee said that it went pretty smooth. Forsee answered Grenke's question by reporting that they were on Lakeview and behind some houses on South Jefferson in the south part of town. Harline added that he had observed Visu-sewer personnel cutting out the lateral sewer tap holes and it was pretty cool. Forsee explained to Lee that the lining is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch thick but it was smooth so the coefficient of friction is reduced and the water travels faster even though the hole is smaller. Forsee noted that years ago the contractor missed a lateral on Head Street. Harline noted that this lining had no joints or welds like clay tile or plastic.

B. Water – None.

C. Sewer: Forsee reported that he would be seeking bids on clearing out small trees and brush on the berms of the sewer lagoons as required by DNR. Forsee noted that it was going to cost a little more than they had expected. Forsee said they did 80 yards of brush last year and it took four days so hiring the service may be a better use of time. Forsee said mulching it and following it with spraying should keep us set for a while.

Harline noted that the permit was ready to be sent out for comment by the public.

D. Other

None

### VI. Electric Department

A. *Activity Report* Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report. Armontrout said that they were doing a lot of tree trimming for line clearance.

B. Generation. Harline mentioned that he was hoping to meet with Dynergy and members of our power purchasing group at the upcoming MPUA meeting.

C. Distribution. Harline noted that we had only had one solar installation in the history of the utility before this year and we are currently looking at two applications for installation.

D. Other – None.

12:00

VII. Public Works

A. *Activity Report* Lee asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report Hoffman said that they had just finished up the demolition of the Whisler house on Railroad. Lee asked about the brush burning and Hoffman said that Lee England had started, but he backed off when the winds picked up.

B. Streets

1. *Bids for deicing salt.* Harline said we already had a valid bid for standard salt from Independent Salt but we were looking at purchasing this special salt that was sticky and therefore would not bounce off the road when spread and we could use less, and we would also save labor costs. Harline said we would break even if we used 50 tons of treated salt to replace 69 tons of standard salt. Harline said that the total purchase is under \$5,000. Hudson asked if anyone had given specific amounts of savings. Hoffman said that he had heard good reports, but nothing that specific. week. Harline said Hoffman proposed to use some of the old salt and some of the new treated salt on the same road as a comparison. Lee said he didn't think there was anything wrong with trying something new. Magley asked how much we have now. Hoffman said less than one load; about 20 tons. Hoffman said that it was enough to cover the streets once. Rodgers asked if we had enough for both ice storms last year. Hoffman said no. Rodgers said he wanted to make sure that we didn't want to run out. Rodgers asked how much was lost over the year. Hoffman said it was negligible. There was some additional discussion about when and how much to order.

**Hudson (and Magley) made a motion to accept the bid for the specialty de-icing salt from Cargill at the rate of \$87.73/ton that was seconded by Vollrath and approved by voice vote; 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 - absent.**

C. Sanitation – We are ready to order the recycling roll-off container

D. Storm sewer – Hoffman said he still had a few small projects left. Harline said he has been waiting for several months to get a good rain to look at some reported stormwater issues.

E. Other – None

VIII. OTHER

A. Setting a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen for Monday, December 11, 2017 immediately following the General Government & Public Safety Committee. Harline explained that there was a need for closed meeting at the end of the next meeting so it was better to have the meeting at the end in case it took some time. Harline said that he wanted to look at options for the possible ways to move forward on that property.

**Magley made a motion to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen for Monday, December 11, 2017 immediately following the General Government & Public Safety Committee the meeting that was seconded by Vollrath and approved by approved by voice vote; 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – absent.**

IX. AS MAY RISE.

None

X. ADJOURN.

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

The Committee adjourned 7:24 p.m.