

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, January 14, 2019

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

I. PRESENT

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Heather Russell, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Don Bormann, Landon Magley, Robert Hudson, David Wilkins and Jim Lee. Also attending were Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, Water Foreman Matthew Rusch, Aaron Kroeger from the Water Department, Lieutenant Tim Kribbs and Chief Bob Bias. Citizens present were: Linda Bormann, John Selby, Terry Motley and Mike Kinkead

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Bormann of 800 Jason Ct, Thanked the guys for all their hard work with all the snow. Bormann discussed Columbia and Bruton street sidewalks, and how there is no room. She said possibly on the south side, just east side on CIS as well, Bormann said she has been walking a lot and said especially in front of the Rec center sidewalk would be nice. She doesn't want us to go through Safe School it takes too long, Bormann wanted to talk about UTV and golf cart ordinance, are there exceptions for BBQ contests and Anchor fest, Russell yes. Then John Selby wanted to know about Gators around deer season and told the Board about an event in which he was pulled over by the Centralia police. Bias said to Selby his officers will be educated, but he said he got pulled over because he had not stopped. Bias said out of town has the option to register with the City. Bias said there will be education that comes along with the new rules.

IV. UPDATE ON WASTE WATER LAND APPLICATION PROJECT BY GARY DAVIS WITH BARTLETT & WEST

Davis spoke to the Board about drinking water and the plant is in need up upgrades, the bones are good and equipment but is in need of updates, the plans and specs have been submitted to DNR. This is moving quick and looking at April 2019. Construction will start around August 2019 and will take at least a year. Equipment may take up to six months. Davis spoke about waste water and by March 1, 2022 we will need to meet a new standards with DNR. When this report was starting they looked at data and thought they saw some error and it had been submitted. Davis said normally you see 100 gallons per person per day on average, data showed 200 gallons per person per day. Before designing anything new, Davis suggested renting a flow meter to get a better idea. If the flow is really 200 gallons per person per day, then it we will need to expand. Davis said the further these properties are from town the more expensive it will cost the City. He does not have exact numbers but is working on them. The report could be amended to get a closer cost. Davis said Forsee and Rusch have all been agreeing with the plan. This year is a data collection. Hudson asked how many months would it be that we would need to rent flow meters and Davis said 3 months, day to day flow is accurate. When

there is high flow that is when it is hard to tell. Lee said do we need to change meters, Davis said these would be placed up stream. Davis has copies that were submitted to DNR and he can give us copies. Russell has a copy of this report.

V. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

A. Activity Report

Rusch said the biggest thing they got done was the fire line, is capped/shut off at the Narraganset building. Rusch said at least the Water Departments part of that is done. The Water Crews have been assisting plumbers with a few things around town. Lee asked about the lift pumps and Rusch said they have been seeing things that do not belong like they had flushable wipes that are not flushable clogging things up.

B. Water

None

C. Sewer

None

D. Other

1. Overview of water tap fee

Russell said this was a discussion that took place in December 2018, Rusch and Forsee had been meeting and discussion took place, she said the comparisons are in the packet. Russell said \$250 was the current fee and they are showing in their findings the average is costing \$971, Bormann said there will be some changes. Russell asked the Board if they are ready to go forward with this, and she will bring this back to the Meeting on Monday.

VI. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

A. Activity Report

Armontrout said the tree trimming Contractor got done last week and just in time. Grenke asked if we had any tree limbs causing problems with the snow storm coming in. Armontrout said no but they have had problems with the boring company and had been dealing with that. Bormann asked if we had any power outages and Armontrout said there have not been any. Armontrout talked about the power pole on GANO Chance and that it had been hit.

B. Generation/Purchase

Russell said all the Contracts have been sent to Nextera.

C. Distribution

None

D. Other

None

VII. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Activity Report

Hoffman said they worked on the Street Sweeper. Hudson said Thank you to all the Crews for all the hard work, snow removing. Hoffman said the other Crews have been helping them a lot too.

B. Streets

1. Proposal from ES&S for Easements for Randolph Road

Russell said after Mayfield reviewed the proposal, she told Russell she is not qualified and it is very technical. Russell will get everyone a copy to see and ES&S would be \$16,000 for their fees. Magley stated this road just gets more expensive. Russell said this is information only.

C. Sanitation

Hoffman said the Recycle bin has been good and bad, and wanted us to know it is now being picked up twice week.

D. Storm water

Hoffman said flooding awhile back and lots of leaves causing issues.

E. Other

Russell stated with the winter storm everyone helped out and have done a great job.

VIII. OTHER

None

A. Public Works & Public Utilities Director's Report

None

B. Results from Salary Survey

Russell said in the packet we the totals, this is the shortened version, each department did their own research, and we used the MML website Aldermen and Mayor Salaries are included. She said the Committee met and looked at the numbers and a lot of them are underpaid, we do have really good benefits packages. This will be in next week's meeting in closed session. If every position was brought up to the average, this shows the impact results in the packet. Russell said the Police department is asking for more officers and the Street department a fourth person. Russell said this information is new and if anyone has questions let her know. Hudson wants to see benefits as well. She said the retirement is included in salary. Hudson wants to know about health insurance compared to other Cities of our size. Russell will get as much as she can by next week's meeting. Russell said the minimum wage will be going up and we need to stay competitive with them. Hudson brought up the new hires and he does see that the Public Safety sales tax will help those. Bormann wants to know if we are in Laggers for retirement and Russell said yes.

VIII. ADJOURN

Wilkins, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Hudson seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:42 p.m.