

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, May 4, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Simmons at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Orsini, Bormann, and Skirvin. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Mike Forsee, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman, Paul Million, Linda Bormann, Don Bagley, Don Bobbitt, two representatives of Armor Equipment, and James Smith.

Those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Street and Sanitation Department

Behrns presented a tabulation of bids for the new sanitation truck. Four bids had been submitted by Armor Equipment—two each of 2010 Freightliner trucks and 2009 International trucks. For each brand of truck, the bid was for a light-duty Heil compactor and a heavier-duty Heil compactor (as on the City's present truck). Downing Sales and Services bid similar Freightliner and International trucks with Cobra compactors. Behrns and Hoffmann recommended against the lighter-duty compactor. Of the remaining bids, Armor was the lowest, principally because of a much higher trade-in allowance for the City's present reserve truck. Staff recommended that the City purchase the 2010 Freightliner truck and Heil compactor from Armor Equipment at \$116,301.00 (including trade-in). Staff also recommended adding a dual cart lifting capacity for \$2,200.00. Staff recommended against options for an extra six-month warranty and for dropping the LED light package. The total purchase price would thus be \$118,501. Approval of the purchase will be put on the next regular Board meeting agenda, when all aldermen can be present.

Electric Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department.

Mustain told the Committee that he had not yet put in the brighter lights at the intersections of Gano Chance Drive with Allen Street and Central Street. He will do so this week.

Behrns reported that Ameren Energy Marketing may be willing to propose long term rates for the years after the City's current contract expires (12/31/11). A meeting is planned for latter this month for the wholesale power purchasing cities to receive the proposal.

Behrns reported that he had visited the location on Sunset Street where Mrs. Robertson reported a dangerous tree on her neighbor's property. Even using the building permits for Mrs. Robertson's house, Behrns was unable to specifically fix the right-of-way line. The tree may be a street tree or may be the property of the neighbor. A survey would be necessary to judge the matter. If the tree were on Robertson's side of the lot line, the City would likely take care of it. The City does not have permission if it is on the neighbor's property. No action is proposed. Behrns also said that he did not find the branch extending over Robertson's yard to be particularly dangerous. It seems healthy, and if it were to break in a storm, it would fall in the yard, not on a roof or car.

Mustain said that the ground is still too wet to do trimming if the branches in the lines between Miles and Orchard.

Mustain needs to order several three-phase pad-mount transformers for future projects. He hopes to have a bid tabulation for approval of a purchase at the next Board meeting.

Orsini mentioned that Police Chief Dudgeon had suggested that a police officer might run the meter reading route, freeing up the time of the front office staff. Behrns said that he would visit with Heather Lockett and

Kathy Colvin about this and see if it is feasible.

Water and Sewer Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Water and Sewer Department.

Forsee told the Committee that sewer mains in the south portion of the City are performing better, following the report of leaking manholes. There was some backup remaining near Lakeview at Central. The work by Insituform should help with this. Insituform will be here in the next few weeks and their work should only take about 3 or 4 days.

Forsee told Bormann that the City has added a riser ring to the manhole on Cook Street near Leach Lane, but he has doubts about this really correcting the problem.

Flynn Drilling will soon be in town to pull the pump in Well No. 3. They will then video the well bore and they and Forsee will make a recommendation about the usefulness of a full pump test.

Behrns told the Committee about the possible location of a warehouse on Fountain Road, on a piece of Waechter's property. For him to authorize a lot split, a water main must be available. This will take construction of a main extension along Highway 151 next to Herndon's and then west along Fountain. Committee discussed the implications of the project on future leverage for the City to require street improvements. The purchaser should be asked for a commitment to participate in future special assessments or improvement districts. The line would have to be sized to 10" or 12" for inclusion in as the far-future loop around town. DNR approval would also be necessary. [Subsequent to the meeting, staff was informed that the developer has dropped the Fountain Road location.]

Street and Sanitation Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Street and Sanitation Department.

Bagley asked the City to examine the need for stop signs on Lakeview at its intersection with Columbia, near the new Intermediate School. He suggested that this presented problems for school buses, which also had to stop before the COLT Railroad track crossing. He noted that the speed limit here was only 20 miles per hour. Behrns will examine the site and consult with Police Chief Dudgeon. The matter will be added to the next General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting. Behrns suggested that a letter from the school administration would be helpful.

Hoffmann told Bormann that he would look at the culvert pipes and stormsewers on Cook Street at Leach Lane. He thought that the pipes were appropriately sized, but he will check the entire situation. Hoffmann has also scheduled cleaning of several box culverts.

Bormann also asked Hoffmann if the Street Department could work on the Miles Street Ditch at the bend behind Gene Berck's house. Hoffmann said he will see what they could do when it is dry enough to support equipment. The same applies to installing pipes from Lakeview Street north. Orsini asked if the open portion of the ditch really needed a concrete channel, if rip-rap and adjacent shrubbery would prove sufficient. Behrns had doubts, but will see if Columbia has had any success with that alternative approach.

Committee received a proposed revision to the formal policy for installation of culvert and stormsewer by the adjacent property owners. The matter was tabled until a full membership was present.

Other

Aldermen were reminded of a regional meeting of the Missouri Municipal League on May 28th in Slater. Because Anchor Festival starts the next day, only Behrns will likely be attending.

There were no further items to be presented, and the meeting adjourned at about 9:05 p.m.

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