

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, July 6, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grenke at about 8:15 p.m. Present were Aldermen Orsini, Hensley, Bormann, and Parmeley. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Mike Forsee, Greg Grenke, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and James Smith.

Street and Sanitation Department

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

Behrns stated that the bids for asphalt street overlays will be opened on July 15th. Bids tabs will be in the packet for the regular Board meeting for award on July 20th.

Behrns reported that the City had been contacted by a firm in Millersburg which makes products using recycled plastic. At present the material is shredded and then turned in automobile bumper blocks and fence posts. Phil Hoffman has visit the operation and is exploring ways that the City can take the plastic we collect to Millersburg instead of Civic Recycling. We receive no payment from Civic. In times past we may even have been charged. The new prospective new user would not pay us either (except for maybe a few product samples on occasion). We would not have to bale the plastic for this use, but we still need to resolve whether we can economically transport part of the recycling collection to a separate site. Alderman Parmeley also suggested that we might be able to collect additional grades of plastic containers. Staff will investigate this aspect.

Behrns said that proposals from engineering firms to design the Safe Routes to School Grant project will be received until July 8. There is no rush, since an agreement for use of the COLT Railroad must still be completed. Behrns has been told that such an agreement will specify a fence and that the City maintain from the fence west. They will also likely want Centralia to close the Sims Street crossing to automobile traffic or else pay for signals and Centralia's expense (more than \$140,000). Behrns will report when the COLT's requests are received. In the meantime, MoDOT has indicated that they would do traffic counts on both Sims and Lakeview near the COLT crossings.

Water and Sewer Department

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

The designs for the sewer main replacement on Lakeview Sewer are complete and the project was advertised for bidding. Bids will be opened on July 16th, and an ordinance to approve a contract will be on the next Board agenda.

Behrns told that Committee that he had contacted the owner of the possible site for a third water tower. The site is the most logical, and Behrns would have liked to acquire it, even though the tower might not be needed in the near future. Fixing the location would make it easier to properly size various water main extensions as they are built in the north part of the City. However, the owner indicated that she did not desire to sell, and Behrns will not pursue the matter unless circumstance change or the land comes into new ownership.

Forsee reported that television examination has shown three cracked bells on a clay-tile sanitary sewer main near the intersection of Booth and Orchard. There is an infiltration problem and suck holes allow water to flow in from a street-side ditch. Immediate repair is needed. Forsee looked at the cost and

trouble of digging up the pipe, but that would require work in a recently paved street. He also looked at having a vender do the work with a patch kit. This is very much like a short version of the Insituform slip lining. The main is cleaned and a bladder inflates a patch in-place for a short time until it "cures" to a hard, durable lining. Two vendors were contacted. The lowest quote (from Schulte Supply) is actually cheaper than having the water crew replace that section. This is a technique which the Water Department could use in other areas, if the City were to buy the installation kit for about \$5,000. As the Water Department continues to maintain and inspect sewer mains, Forsee was asked to record the number of instances where the technique was appropriate. If the number is sufficient, the installation kit could be in a future budget and then patches could be placed at about \$200 per 24" patch. In the meantime, Orsini moved that the City have Schulte Supply do the work on Booth for a cost of \$2,460.00. Million seconded the motion and all aldermen present voted in favor.

The City had advertised the sale of a large accumulation of scrap metal, including old wire from the electric department and the pipe cases pulled from Water Well No. 3. Two bids were submitted and the high bidder was S. Jackson. Millions moved that the scrap be sold to S. Jackson for \$5,750.00. Orsini seconded the motion and all aldermen present voted in favor.

Electric Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department. In the absence of Foreman Mustain, the Committee had no questions. Behrns noted that the electric crew is replacing old wire and poles in the alley between Bradford and Jenkins. When the weather is drier, they will return to Cobblestone Lake Estates to complete that installation.

Other

Mayor Grenke told staff that elderly residents north of Highway 22 had complained about holes where the asphalt of Rollins Street connects to the concrete of the Highway. Behrns said that he will consult with Hoffman and MoDOT before patching, since the connection is in the Highway right-of-way.

There were no further items to be presented, and the meeting adjourned at about 9:07 p.m.