

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, January 4, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Simmons at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Million, Parmeley, Hensley, Bormann, and Orsini. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Mike Forsee, Phil Hoffman, Mark Mustain, Richard Trask, Darryl Spauldin, Greg Grenke, and James Smith.

Electric Department

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

Mustain described tree trimming and line clearance work being done between the MoDOT building on Highway 22 and the 5 Oaks office adjacent to the north.

Behrns reported that wholesale electric power supply proposals have been received by the consultant for the four former UE cities. He will be attending a meeting in Hannibal next Tuesday to review the preliminary results and discuss which options deserve further negotiation. Behrns noted that seventeen cities which are served by Show-Me-Electric Cooperative have received notice that their power supply contracts will not be renewed when they end in 2013. This may imply more competition for generation capacity in the future.

Some substation materials have been ordered per the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt. The contract with KIOWA Line Builders has not yet arrived. Bids should soon be on hand for materials necessary for the Electric Department to install the grounding grid. Approval of the purchase will be on the next Board agenda. Later, more materials and equipment rental will be ordered in small batches. In most cases, these will be over \$1,250 and be brought to the Aldermen for authorization.

Street and Sanitation Department

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

Hoffman told Parmeley that arrangements for recycling plastic are working fine. There has not been any up-tick in the amount of plastic being put out by our customers.

The snowfall for this season is still moderate and the need for overtime and materials has been modest. The City had a stockpile of calcium chloride on hand large enough to get through last winter without having to make an order. There is now available storage room and Behrns has ordered four pallets. This may be sufficient for the remainder of the year. The first order of road salt should be made this week.

Collection of trash was easier this holiday season because the City had the help of a community service worker for 80 hours. Double trash days were much simpler.

Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee told the committee that work at Sunnydale consisted mostly of locating pipes and underground electric wires. This will assist Sunnydale and Alliance Foam Technologies in expanding a sewer lagoon and tying it into two of the irrigation pivots.

There have been several frozen water meters and services recently, and more are expected because of

the continuing cold snap.

Other

Behrns noted that he has not received the December financial statements yet, so he has not be able to fine-tune the various utility budgets.

Mr. Trask complained to the Committee that he was being extorted for a new utility deposit. He felt this was in retaliation for an argument he had with staff over having his power disconnected. Behrns said this was not the case—the City Code directed a new deposit for customers who had been disconnected twice within a one-year period. Trask said the City was mistaken and this did not describe his situation . Behrns agreed to research the records on Tuesday morning and call Trask with the outcome. Trask and the Committee also discussed disconnection policies in general. Behrns was directed to research the “cold weather rule” again and to make it an agenda item for the next Public Works and Public Utilities Committee meeting.

There were no further items to be presented, and the meeting adjourned at about 7:40 p.m.

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