

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, June 7, 2010.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Million at about 7:20 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Bormann, Orsini, Simmons, Parmeley, and Angell. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Mike Forsee, Phil Hoffman, Mark Mustain, Larry Dudgeon, Darryl Spauldin, Don Bobbitt, Tom Wells, and James Smith.

Behrns introduced Tom Wells of Trabue, Hansen, and Hinshaw. Wells had prepared the study and guidance documents for how the building at 105 N. Allen should be demolished. Wells gave a brief summary of his credentials as a structural engineer and experience with building and demolition of many structures in Moberly, Mexico, and other mid-Missouri cities. Spauldin told the committee that he objected to the lack of detail and incompleteness of the study. He told the committee that he spoke based on 23 years of experience with construction and demolition of commercial buildings. Wells said that, since the work was not going to be bid to a contractor, the detail and specifications provided were adequate for city crews to perform the work. He said he was easily available to answer City questions and inspect work in progress. Committee asked Spauldin if he had any specific questions (which he had previously indicated he would make available so that Wells could prepare responses in advance.) Spauldin said that he did not, that he was hindered by an inability to observe the interior of the building. He did say that he had a concern that there was no provision for lead-based paint. Behrns said that the environmental testing from Terracon had not listed lead, only asbestos tiles. The whole Terracon report was a part of the applications for a demolition permit from DNR--which had been granted. The City has been free to proceed since June 1. Behrns told Spauldin that the City's own demolitions permit was concerned only with disconnecting utilities, and disputed Spauldin's insistence that a County demolition permit was required. Behrns said that County did not have jurisdiction by law or contract. Spauldin and Wells disagreed on the measures necessary to protect the adjacent building walls, with Wells describing the work in engineering terms. Bobbitt said that demolition was a matter of both engineering technical knowledge and "art". After learning of Wells' history with similar work, he was comfortable with Well's grasp of the "art". When the discussion began to repeat, Parmeley then moved and Bormann seconded that the City accept the specs and guidance as prepared and direct City employees to proceed with the demolition as planned. All aldermen voted for the motion and it passed.

### Water and Sewer Department

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

Forsee told Committee that the 17 manual reads for utility meters was closer to what was acceptable and desired. We may at last be at equilibrium.

Of customers disconnected, only two or three were repeats. Many of those disconnected had already moved out.

The repaired sewer camera is working well and doing its job of identifying most problems. A first pass has been made through about half of the sewer mains.

Forsee showed the price list and descriptions for two tool attachments for the sewer jet cleaner. One is diamond cutter head for eliminating intrusive pipes; the other is removing of roots. These tools are especially designed for our brand of jet cleaning machine (and also equal or are cheaper than the cost of off-brand tools). Forsee recommended purchase of the diamond saw head and assembly for \$1,480.58 and the root cutter head package for \$1,324.00. Both purchases will be on the next Board

agenda.

A construction permit was received this day from DNR for work on Well #3. A meeting with our engineers is scheduled to take place on Tuesday morning. Flynn Drilling will be doing warrantee work on the Well #4 pump. (It is producing fine, but the installation of the top four pipe sections is mis-threaded.)

Forsee is still working on the sliplining project package. He had thought to include the sewer main from Jefferson Street into Sunrise Circle. However, it is only 6" in diameter and has several offsets. Slip lining would be difficult and less than effective.

#### Electric Department

Committee reviewed the activity report and future work schedule for the Electric Department. Mustain said that there were no outages from wind or broken branches due to the last storm, just some cleanup of small limbs and brush piles.

Work progress on the new substation is slower than Mustain would have predicted. There have been many days lost to rain. The switch gear and building installation is running late because of the engineer declined to okay a change in specifications. Energizing the project had been predicted for about July 1, but now will probably be near the end of month.

We have decided that the best results and lowest cost for the SCADA system between the substations will be achieved by handling the work as a design-build project. Therefore, staff is recommending a contract with Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer, and Gende, Inc. for the complete SCADA system for a price of \$163,802.33. An ordinance to authorize a contract will be on the regular Board agenda. Behrns said he thought the price was appropriate. He noted that BHM&G had indicated that they believe they would be billing about \$32,500 less than the original contracts for design and construction inspection work on the transformer and switch gear. Even with the SCADA system added, the project should be coming in more than \$200,000 below estimates. Behrns is not sure how this will be integrated into the original debt service schedule.

#### Street and Sanitation Department

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

Hoffman reported that two semi-truck loads of tires were removed in the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management Region's special collection. He did not have an estimate of electronic waste, but thought that this was also a large amount. He told the Board that he had no recent conversations about whether the City would be billed for disposal of recyclable plastics.

Hoffman noted that he is trying out samples of several different stripping paints to see if anything will be longer-lived.

Hoffman also noted a very high volume of trash from the Anchor Festival and home collections for the week. (Bormann said that the audience for the Car Show was strong. He said that Ginny Zoellers had asked him to thank the Police, Street, and Electric departments for extraordinary work during the Anchor Festival this year).

#### Other

Mayor Grenke related the concern of a citizen that the car show blocked access to businesses on Sunday. Another citizen was not happy with the location of handicapped parking at the Friendship Church lot. (They were thought to be too far from events.)

Mayor Grenke also relayed a citizen complaint about some residents near downtown blocking off sections of the street shoulders to "reserve" parking. This is not a specific violation of the City Code, but could be addressed by the police as part of removing obstructions from the street. The matter was not an issue for most of the aldermen.

There were no further items to be presented, and the meeting adjourned at about 8:25 p.m.

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