

Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, April 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Hudson at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Cox, Aldermen Hudson, Wilkins, Magley, Stevens, and Rodgers.

Absent: Alderman Terri Motley

Also attending were City Administrator Heather Russell, Public Works Director Mike Forsee, Street Dept. Assistant Foreman Deme Towne, Electric Dept. Acting Foreman Matt Fadler, Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Matt Rusch, Police Chief Bob Bias, Sheila Bias, Linda Bormann, Don Bormann, and Gary Davis and Blake Wilbers representing Bartlett and West.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done at the previous meeting.

Mayor Cox read a proclamation designation for Centralia Lineman Appreciation Week and presented a framed copy of the proclamation to Matt Fadler.

Comments from Citizens – Don Bormann – 800 Jason Ct Centralia asked about the meeting between Darren Adams, his legal representation and the City of Centralia and the Cydney Mayfield, City of Centralia Attorney. Heather Russell stated any comments on the meeting would come from the attorneys. Mayor Cox stated there were no “secret” deals being discussed.

Public Works

Streets – the report is in the packet – Deme Towne reports the big issue is drainage, there have been lots of challenges lately with all the rain.

Asphalt Overlay Bids – Mike Forsee addressed this issue; he stated Centralia worked with the City of Mexico for a combined bid package. Christensen Construction was the low bidder and will complete the work. There are several streets slated for the project, the total number resurfaced will be dependent on prices at the time the work is done.

Storm Sewer

Centralia Jefferson Street Project – CDBG Grant Administration – Heather Russell addressed this topic because the projects are interrelated, they could be combined into one (1) main project. The fee for grant administration services through Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission would be \$10,000 plus a percentage of the grant if the City is awarded the grant. Linda Bormann – 800 Jason Ct of Centralia asked about the cost. Mike Forsee stated there are no firm costs yet as it is still in the preliminary stages. The grant application is not available yet through CDBG.

Water & Sewer – the report is in the packet. Matt Rusch advised the water main replacement was a big project. His department is working to try and stay ahead of the water plant upgrade and service the citizens of Centralia.

Water Treatment Plant Facility Upgrade monthly report – Gary Davis of Bartlett and West introduced Blake Wilbers who is an engineer at Bartlett and West. The construction is going very well.

Wastewater – seventeen (17) bids were opened for this project. The price of PVC contributed a major expense in the bids. Gary would like to have the Notice of Award sent with change order and the bidder would need to sign both documents.

NOTICE OF AWARD

Alderman Wilkins makes a motion to send Notice of Award to C & S Companies Inc of New London MO for the CENTRALIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – PART 1 BASE PLUS ADDITIVE ALTERNATE 1 in the amount of \$1,655,715.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Magley. The motion is approved by voice vote.

Alderman Wilkins makes a motion to send Notice of Award to Schmitt Irrigation & Pump Service of Marshall MO for the CENTRALIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – PART 2 CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI in the amount of \$884,443.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stevens. The motion is approved by voice vote.

Alderman Wilkins makes a motion to send Notice of Award to Fischer Grading, LLC of Montgomery City, MO for the CENTRALIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - PART 3 BASE BID PLUS ADDITIVE ALTERNATE 1 in the amount of

\$827,075.00. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. The motion is approved by voice vote.

Alderman Wilkins moves to send Notice of Award to Martin General Contractors LLC of Eolia MO for the CENTRALIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – PART 4 CITY OF CENTRALIA MO in the amount of \$2,036,444.00. Alderman Stevens seconds the motion. The motion is approved with voice vote.

Mr. Davis requests a follow-up meeting with the aldermen. The Special BOA meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Electric Department – the report is in the packet. City Administrator Russell announced Carter Stieferman will be joining the department in May. He graduates from State Tech at the end of the month and will start as a second-year apprentice in the MPUA program.

Matt Fadler announced Ameren had a switching error which caused the recent power outage for Centralia and Hallsville.

Quote from Anixter – Russell addressed the SERVICE LIMITING LICENSE – this would allow City Hall the ability to turn off electricity for 10-15 minutes every hour until the bill is paid during months it is too cold to disconnect service for non-payment. Russell will consult City Attorney Mayfield to determine if this action will not cause issues for the city.

Director of Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report – the report is in the packet. Director Forsee has been assisting as needed and attending meetings as needed.

As May Arise – none.

Alderman Wilkins makes a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Rodgers. Motion carries by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



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