

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2011

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were: Mr. Magnus, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Peterson, Mayor Adams, Gordy Nygren, Dennis McMullen and Atty. Greg Cox. Also present: Brenda Warren and Gail Beach.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of December 5, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Prairie Street Improvements. Mr. McMullen reported a meeting with Rock Roads on December 13, 2011, to finalize quantities and material submittals. There will be one more pay estimate at the end of the month to achieve a pre-final contract amount. Mr. McMullen estimated the remaining balance of \$4,000 to \$5,000, is less than a 1% difference with the contracted amount.
2. Well #7 Repairs. Layne Christensen spent most of last week removing the pump assembly. A couple of column pipes revealed small holes, but the major issue was with the pump. The bowl assembly for the first stage of the nine stage pump had several holes which would cause failed suction and greatly reduce pump capacity. There were other stages showing pitting, but the condition will not be known until they are blasted, cleaned, and removed for inspection. The pump would be bringing the water up but with no pressure. It will be 2-3 weeks before the pump assembly can be disassembled and cleaned for our inspection. Once our inspection is completed, we will have a cost to make the repairs and re-install the pump assembly. The top stage of the pump assembly is junk, but we may be able to salvage the lower end; however, we probably will have to replace the pump and Mr. McMullen estimated the cost at \$9,000-\$10,000 with total cost of repair and putting the pump back in the hole between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Also this week, we will complete the camera inspection of the well to insure there are no failures in the casing pipe or cave-ins in the bottom of the hole.

3. New Well #10. Mr. McMullen reported that we will begin the ERI testing today at the proposed well site. Two grids were tested today and the final grid will be tested tomorrow. This will give us time to review and make our final recommendations at the first meeting in January. Our formal response is due back to the EPA by January 15, 2012.

Mr. Peterson questioned whether we want the well house just big enough for the well equipment or are we planning on extending the size of the building. Mr. McMullen stated we are looking at a well house that is similar to the one at Well #8 at Stephen Mack. What

we could do with this building since we have eliminated the chlorine gas and along with that can eliminate a lot of the outside doors, we could have open bays in that building since it is in an individual locked room. This has been done at other locations by adding on a 2 or 3 car garage. You can wall the bays off or not and you have remote control garage door openers to get in. Your main entry is through those garages through that door and all that is needed is one other emergency door. This heightens security quite a bit and gives you storage for a generator or other watering equipment for the park. You also could rent out one space for storage of athletic equipment. You are looking at \$125 a square foot to add those garages. Typically, with a 3 bay garage, you would be adding \$100,000. The pump house itself would be approximately 22 x 34. As you know, the well will be outside of this building. Inside the building, you have your main discharge that has all your chemical feeds into it and then you have three individual chemical feed rooms or pods. This well house will have a restroom as we have to have sewer to the building per EPA regulations and because the building is remote. The bays will be oriented right off of the service road. Mr. McMullen will bring some plans for committee members to look at for the well house.

4. Athletic Field Improvements. Mr. McMullen reported that they have begun to revise the plans for the water and sewer extensions into the athletic fields, which includes the extension of the water main to the baseball diamonds. We plan to submit plans to the EPA for permits within the next two weeks in the hope we have our permits by the end of February or early March. We will also send revised permits to the DM&E Railroad. The project can be bid without the permits being here. Hopefully, by the end of May, we will be ready to go. Theoretically, the well will go on line a year from now.

They will also begin working on the proposed new parking facilities in order to have them ready for bids when funds become available.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Graceffa Building. Mayor Adams stated that village staff had looked at the Graceffa building and felt it was useable and Mr. Nygren feels it is what we are looking for. Mayor Adams feels we should pursue acquisition of that building. The building cost \$700,000 to \$800,000 to build. We should go into executive session to decide on an offer. He felt that we would also want to purchase some of the adjoining 8 acres that are available. A portion of that could become a park if we purchased all of the 8 acres. There would be earmarked revenue of 50% (\$100,000) of the electric infrastructure fees which was going to be used for development of our electric utility.
2. County Allocation for Park. Mayor Adams stated that we just have to let the County know that we are interested in having them donate \$50,000 for park development to the Village. This will be available the first quarter of 2012. The \$50,000 from the State is iffy. We have not had confirmation of the \$50,000. Syverson was able to get \$100,000 and Winters got \$50,000 but because of politics this \$50,000 may not be available. All of these funds when received will be used at Rockton Athletic Fields.
3. Flag Pole Donation. Mayor Adams reported that Rockton Remembers along with the Rockton Lions, Rockton Shared Vision and the American Legion are interested in donating a

flagpole to be placed in the circle of flowers just off Hawick St. in Settlers Park. They will be paying for everything.

4. Rapid Growth City. Mayor Adams stated that he heard from Springfield that Rockton will qualify as a Rapid Growth City. Between 2000 and 2010 we qualified and because of our rapid growth we received \$8,000 extra in MFT money. Since we continue to qualify we will receive \$11,000 in extra funds in MFT for the next 10 years.
5. ChemTool TIF Funds. Mayor Adams asked the engineer to do some preliminary work regarding roads that could be improved with ChemTool TIF Funds. Rockton Township has requested that Blackhawk Blvd. be improved along with Dingman which is also in the TIF District. The cost for Blackhawk would be \$200,000 and for Dingman \$150,000. Mayor Adams asked that committee members think about whether this is something we want to pursue. The TIF Funds are not lost if you do not use them; however, you can reinvest them in a lower rate bond.

STREETS & WALKS-MR. MAGNUS

1. Purchase Park Decorations. Mayor Adams stated that there have been complaints about the decorations at the park. Mr. Nygren had mentioned that there was over \$600 left in the Katie Cronin Fund and that buying decorations after Christmas at a discount would be advantageous. Mayor Adams noted that there are extra funds in parks that could be utilized also.
2. Christmas Walk Follow-up. Mr. Magnus noted that the Chamber would like a village representative to attend the Christmas Walk Follow-up meeting on January 10th at 5:00PM. Mr. Nygren volunteered to attend this meeting.

Hearing no further business, motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary