

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:33 P.M. Present were: Trisha Nelson, Cory Magnus, John Peterson, Gordy Nygren, Dennis McMullen, Bruce Werrbach, and Mayor Adams. Also present: Brenda Warren and Gail Beach.

Motion by Magnus, second by Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of October 17, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. MCMULLEN

1. Prairie St. Project. Mr. McMullen reported that the Prairie Street Project is 99% complete with the striping and restoration mostly done today and barring rain signs to be placed tomorrow. Since the project was to be completed by October 23rd, the contractor has a penalty each day of \$1,050. Mr. McMullen stated there are two extra parking spaces on Prairie St. Center St. went from 21 feet wide to 30 feet wide so cars can park on both sides of the street. Mechanic will have one side parking all the way down the street. The Legion issue was not done since you would only gain two parking spaces.
2. Well #7. Mr. McMullen stated that an issue has arisen at well #7, virtually the pump failed. There has been a noticeable decline in the pumping over the last six months. The pump has been in over 18 years and has never been pulled or serviced. Typically one of two things will happen or a combination thereof. The pump assembly is located 400 feet below water and would have to be pulled out. This is a 9 stage pump so there are 9 individual pumping assemblies put together. We are not getting a qualified suction to bring the water up or there could be actual holes in the column pipe to allow air to be sucked in. The only way to find these problems is to pull the pump. Estimates for pulling the pump from Layne Western would be \$14,000 to \$15,000. That would allow pulling the assembly out of the hole and allow for visual inspection. They also would run a camera down the hole to check for caving, sand issues, or anything else. Then the assembly will be taken to their facility in Aurora and sandblast everything. We have been given 60 days from EPA with the ability to add more time. If the pump can be rebuilt, it will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000 and to replace would be \$12,000. If there are no holes in the pipe, you would want to recoat the pipe with the vinyl coating. Parts could take 60-90 days to get and rebuild. Mr. McMullen is recommending that the board authorize the first phase which would be pulling the pump. Water pressure will not be compromised. Well #9 can be run to keep pressure up and no one will be without water.
3. New Well. Mr. McMullen reported that drilling the new well will be \$150,000 including the pump. The other part of the cost is constructing the well house and the controls at \$325,000 to \$350,000. There is a test called an electrical resistivity which will plot the grids and tell you if you are against a wall in the grid or in the middle of the grid. That will allow us to determine whether we are looking at 500GPM or 800GPM. He recommended doing this test but not until we get the water sample results.
4. Sprinklers. Nothing has been received on the grant for Rockton Athletic Fields. Senator Syverson is in Springfield this week and will be checking the status of the grant. Mr. McMullen stated that the work still could be done since it is all underground stuff.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Quonsets. Mayor Adams stated that he had received a request about doing a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment at the Quonsets. This area is in the TIF District and we could use TIF money for an environmental assessment and at the same time submit a grant request to the state EPA for a Brownfields payback on the expenditure. He will ask for a consensus tonight of the board to move forward on this. Taylor is actually looking at those Quonsets to expand their operation but they are holding back until they find out about any environmental issues.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

1. Ameriprise Financial. Mr. Nygren and Mr. Magnus had been contacted by Steve from Ameriprise Financial regarding parking signs for the spaces on the west side of his building. He would like signs that state that the spaces are reserved for his employees during business hours. He will purchase the signs which Mr. Nygren stated are \$20 each. His logo will be on the top of the signs designating that parking is reserved Monday thru Friday 8 to 5. A portion of that property where the spaces are belongs to him. He will purchase the signs and the Public Works Department will install them on the side of the building.
2. Christmas Walk Requests. Mr. Magnus covered the Chamber Christmas Walk requests. The Village will purchase lights this year and install them. Those requests include everything they have done in the past to include decorating Village Green Park, parade, lighting of the park, traffic control during the parade, and horse drawn wagon rides.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. NELSON

1. Tree Selection for Settlers Park. Mayor Adams stated that the park plan has specific trees delineated. He questioned whether a Crimson King Maple could be substituted for an Autumn Blaze Maple. He stated that the Lions Club has \$500 to spend on trees and felt that Settlers Park would be the appropriate place for them. If they could be substituted, they could be planted yet this fall.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON

1. Garbage Fees. Waste Management has increased the garbage fees 41 cents so the Village will have to raise everyone's garbage fees by 41 cents per household per month. This is the ordinance that was drafted years ago that will be updated with Ordinance #2011-18 since this has not been done when rates were increased through the years. This will go into effect with the next billing cycle.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN

1. Christmas Lights. Mr. Nygren reported that Christmas lights were purchased in the amount of \$988.55. Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to approve the purchase of Christmas lights for decorating Village Green Park in the amount of \$988.55. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Magnus questioned why the lights were not removed and used again the next year. Removing the lights would not be free or easy to do. Mayor Adams stated it does look bad to leave the lights in there. ChemTool has rented a lift for the Village this year at \$600 a day to place the lights in the park and on Main St.

2. Lights for Fire Department. The Fire Department has requested to have lights placed on their building. The estimate of cost to do that is \$1,160. The Fire Department will pay the cost and the labor and then the Village will maintain them going forward.
3. Parking on Mechanic. Mr. Nygren reported that there are a couple homeowners who are still parking on the terrace even though the new curbing has been placed because they do not have a driveway. Signs will be placed requesting that there be no parking on the grass until grass gets established. Mr. McMullen recommended that six signs be placed.
4. Lights-Skate Park. The Village has taken over the maintenance of the lights at the Skate Park and there are now five lights out. Mr. Magnus will check to see if there is still money in the donation for the Skate Park from Fat Wallet to cover this expense.
5. Electrical Bids-Waste Water Plant. Mr. Nygren stated that McGilvra was the low bidder in the amount of \$17,950. We had budgeted \$50,000. Everything will now be underground.
6. Rags. There was some discussion about the rags and other debris that continue to come into the sewer system lift stations with Hawick lift being the worst since everything ends up there. Some of these items could not be flushed. This will be looked into further.

Hearing no further business, motion by Magnus, second by Nelson to adjourn at 6:19PM.
All ayes. Motion carried. 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary