

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2011

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P. M. Present were: John Peterson, Trisha Davey, Cory Magnus, Atty. Galluzzo, Mayor Adams, Bruce Werrbach, and Gordy Nygren. Also present: Gail Beach and Brenda Warren.

Motion by Magnus, second by Davey to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of July 18, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Prairie St. Improvements. The pre-construction meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, with the contractor and all utilities. Construction schedules will then be set and notices will be sent out to residents. This project calls for local traffic only. Roads will be closed to all other traffic. Construction should be completed in October.
2. RAF Water Extension. No change since last report.
3. Misc. Sidewalk and Curb Repairs. Bid documents have been prepared and are scheduled to be advertised on July 25, 2011, and opened on August 8, 2011. Work is scheduled to be completed by September 15, 2011.
4. Radium Well #8. Proposals will be opened for test holes on August 8, 2011. We will proceed with the testing by late August or early September with reports due within 30 days after drilling. The Combined Radium Notice has been prepared and will be sent to all water users this week per EPA requirements.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Parking by Legion. Mayor Adams stated he had received a call from the Legion asking if the angle parking could be extended to the corner on the west side of their building. The engineer stated that it could not be done because of the offset of the sidewalk in this area. To get that kind of parking Mayor Adams questioned whether we could move the sidewalk giving us 8-10 more parking spaces. This would have to be an add-on to the Prairie St. Job using cost savings from other projects; however, this may be a problem with IDOT. This would have to be decided before the next meeting.
2. Rockton Athletic Fields. Mayor Adams stated that the county called about the Rockton Athletic Fields, what we have in it, what are plans are for it, and how much it is utilized, etc. County board members feel they should not put all of their money into Sinnissippi Park. They would like to know how much money it is going to cost to complete it and how much we have already invested in the park. We can get some numbers from Roscoe Rockton Lions and Stateline Youth. There are 540 kids out for football this year plus cheerleaders. Our next step is putting in the irrigation and water and parking lot. We are awaiting state funds for that project. Mayor Adams and Brenda will work on putting numbers together.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

1. Road Closures-Special Events. Mr. Magnus stated that a letter had been received from Olive Samuels regarding the road closure on Chapel St. for the triathlon. He felt we should send a courtesy letter or put out door hangers when we know a road is going to be closed.
2. HCHS Gridiron Club Request. Mr. Magnus stated that the Gridiron Club would like to do a collection at Blackhawk and Main to raise funds for the football program. There was some discussion regarding a previous decision to not allow any more organizations or groups to solicit at Main and Blackhawk. Mayor Adams stated that there would be someone there every weekend if we allowed it. There was discussion about putting a policy in place. There is a concern with this one that there would be kids involved. Ms. Davey did not have a problem with it but when do we say no. Motion by Davey, second by Magnus to not allow the Gridiron Club to solicit at Blackhawk and Main. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MS. DAVEY

1. Rockton United Methodist Request. The Congregation from Rockton United Methodist asked to use the gazebo area to show the movie “Fireproof” which is a Christian film mainly about marriage on Saturday, September 10 from 6PM to 10PM. They will provide the screen, projector, and sound system. Motion by Davey, second by Magnus to approve the showing of the film by Rockton United Methodist Church at Settlers Park on September 10 from 6Pm to 10PM. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON

1. Automated Controls for Well 7 & 9. We budgeted for this upgrade at \$6,000. The actual cost will be \$4970.00. This allows the wells to talk to each other to adjust water levels. This will be approved at the full board.
2. Waive Bid Process and Purchase 2011 Truck. Mr. Peterson noted that \$34,000 was budgeted for a truck purchase. The cost to purchase the 2011 truck is \$30,833.81 and the equipment is \$2,500. To repair the 2001 would cost \$13,636.90 to rebuild the engine and replace the seat. Mr. Magnus felt it would be cheaper to rebuild the existing motor and you could get a seat at the junk yard. Mr. Magnus felt we do need a new truck because that one is old; however, the worst truck there is the service truck that has street signs for floor boards. He feels we should replace the service truck and make it into a plow truck. Mr. Nygren stated that when you put a utility box on a plow truck you can't get a salt spreader in there. The truck being purchased is a single cab with a long box. The salt spreaders that we have would fit in this truck but not in the service truck. Mr. Magnus preferred to purchase a crew cab with an 8 foot box so it could be used more than just in the winter possibly being utilized as a lawn vehicle to take all of the people who are mowing and weed eating. We only have two mowers. Mr. Werrbach stated that the turning radius drops off when you have an extended cab. Mr. Magnus felt it could be a landscaping vehicle. Mr. Nygren feels that bringing them all there at once, you will have people standing around waiting for the mowing to get done so they can begin the weed wacking. Mr. Magnus stated that he would like to have the install done before the vehicle is received so that it is finished when received as he had a concern about warranty with the Public Works Dept. doing the install. Mayor Adams stated that when replacing a truck we would want it to do

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similar duties. We probably need another utility truck which possibly we can put in the budget next year. Get the truck that you need the most now. The service truck is only used for service calls. The ¾ tons are used for plowing and also in the summer. Mr. Magnus would like a one ton extended cab. A motion will be made tomorrow night to waive the bid process. Mr. Nygren will check into having the install done before we get the truck and also whether the in house install would negate the warranty. Gordy will have numbers for tomorrow night. He also noted that he would prefer to have the install at Kwik Kall rather than Finley.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN

1. Bobcat Tires. Mr. Nygren stated that he had two proposals for tires for the Bobcat with the price from Tredroc being the lowest; however, Jack's Tires will match Tredrock's price. Mr. Peterson stated that he would personally like to send the business to Jack's since they are local and the product is the same. Motion by Magnus, second by Davey to purchase tires for the Bobcat from Jack's Tires in the amount of \$876. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Davey commented that the "Rockin for Rockton" concert was a really good event with good vendors and some good acts, etc.

Ms. Davey brought up the local bid ordinance. Atty. Galluzzo stated that he did not think a non home rule community could pass such an ordinance.

Mr. Peterson brought up the triangle by the Race that Public Works mows and weeds. Mr. Nygren stated that it is not weeds but natural prairie plantings. This was originally planted by Rockton in Bloom. Mr. Peterson asked committee members to take a look at the triangle.

Motion by Magnus, second by Davey to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary

