

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

August 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Redeker at 7:07 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Redeker, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Toellner

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Schmidt, Ald. Schaefer, Ron Wellner, Don Neitzel, Mike Kurutz, Ben Brown, Kate Leb

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of July 18, 2011.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner the minutes of the July 18, 2011, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. Well Number 3 Radium.

Ron Wellner reported that last week a consent order was received from the DNR stating that a plan must be submitted by December 1, 2011, to the DNR. The plan is for construction in 2012 with operation in 2013. Ron had reviewed with the engineer, and the engineer agreed with it. It has been signed and returned to the DNR. The last reading came back last week, and it was 7.04. Will continue to sample quarterly.

Ald. Sertich questioned if the radium could be causing the smell of sulfur. Ron noted that the smell is most likely magnesium. The smell could be caused by magnesium from water heaters. Water heaters may need to be flushed out or even turned up. Ron noted that they tell people to remove the magnesium anode from the water heater and replace with the aluminum anode. Ald. Sertich noted that it seems to come from North Walnut Street. Ron noted it could be from the construction. They will be flushing in the fall.

B. Sewer Jetting.

Ron Wellner reported that they are 60% complete with the sewer jetting. This slowed in July due to the heat and humidity. It will start back up tomorrow.

C. 4th Street Lift Station.

Ron reported there has been a seal failure again. He met with LW Allen, the supplier of the pumps. They are looking further into it. The pump was pulled for repairs. Tomorrow the seal failure alarms will be pulled out as it is not an emergency. When a pump fails, it is replaced with a spare. The spares have had the same seal failure. Ron noted that they should not be having the seal failures. Ald. Sertich questioned who else makes pumps. Don Neitzel noted that they are a very popular pump. He has also talked to LW Allen about this issue. They are looking into it. The sensors are turned down as low as possible to be the least sensitive as possible. Ald. Sertich questioned where the seals were coming from. Ron noted that different seals could be purchased. Last time when it was in for repair, LW Allen noted that they could put in more expensive seals but did not believe it would correct the problem. Ald. Sertich noted they should try it on one of the pumps at their expense.

The next Utilities Commission Meeting is September 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Additionally, Ron Wellner noted that the October Meeting will be the second week of October because he is at a conference the first week of October.

Item #5 – Monthly Engineering & Planning Report.

A. Henninger St./High St./Alley St. Project Update.

Don Neitzel reported that the project is completed and the punch list will be compiled and reviewed. The assessments have been done and will be reviewed. The project will be under by \$20,000 to \$25,000. Ron noted he did talk to Mitch about the curb stops sticking up. They are part of the punch list. Don noted that they are put down after the landscaping is done. Ald. Redeker questioned why concrete versus asphalt on Henninger Street first block. Don noted because of MEC trucks. Ron noticed that on the intersection of Bridge and Henninger there is a big dip. Don said that is maintaining the crown for the cross flow.

B. Upper Dam Improvements & Repairs.

Don Neitzel reported that they will be done by the end of this week. The project will meet the timeline and is on budget. Don reported that there is nothing unforeseen at this time. Mayor Moede reminded Don that they will need to let the golf course know before the water flows. Ron Wellner stated that the golf course has stopped using the City water.

C. 2011 Street Resurfacing and Golf Course Parking Lot Resurfacing Update.

Don reported that the street resurfacing will start on August 17, 2011. The golf course will start in October because of the number of golfers and traffic and their schedule. The railroad crossing on Kekoskee and Bridge will be ripped out the week of August 24, 2011. Walnut and Dayton railroad will be done after next year. Ald. Sertich noted that stop signs should be looked at. Discussion of the area ensued that something needed to be done there as far as stop signs.

Ald. Sertich questioned on High Street some manhole covers are raised with spray paint on them. Don reported that they will be paved by the end of this week.

D. Wool Factory Bridge Update.

Don reported that the bridge is under construction. Could be complete by the end of September. He would like to keep the item on the agenda for reporting purposes.

E. Driveway Opening at 34 N. Henninger Street.

Don reported that when working on the Henninger Street project there was an opening on 34 N Henninger Street and no driveway. The decision was made not to have an opening. Then he received a phone call that a landlord allows his tenant to park there. There is nothing in the code. This will be opened back up.

Item #6 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. Report on Bulk, Material Drop Off of July 30, 2011.

Mike Kurutz reported that the Bulk Material Drop Off of July 30, 2011, was steady. There were 3 and one half containers filled. August 27th is the next date.

B. Brush Pick – Up Report.

Mike reported that the next date is August 29th and to check the website for dates.

C. Reimbursement from FEMA for the February 2011 February Snowstorm.

Mike Kurutz reported that all of the paperwork has been submitted and is now waiting for the check.

Item #7 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna L. Boldrey, City Clerk