

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Toellner at 5:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Schmidt, Deanna Boldrey, Ron Wellner, Don Neitzel, Mike Kurutz, Katie Leb, Joe Cheesebro, Lisa Schmitt, Megan Sheridan

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of October 21, 2013, meeting.

Motion by Ald. Boelk, second by Ald. Redeker to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. Well #4 Progress Report.

Ron Wellner reported that Well #4 is back together with one exception. A new air diffuser needed to be ordered which will be in on December 4th and online after that. The air diffuser was full of iron.

Ron commented that they pull manhole covers annually. These parts usually last 10-15 years. Well #4 has more iron than any other, this one was 14 years. They pulled it, the bowl assembly was replaced and the shaft and couplings between each joint were replaced. It was also filmed. The auxiliary engine was taken out.

B. 4th Street Lift Station Control Box (PLC) Failure.

Ron Wellner reported that on November 5th, at 12:30 p.m. there was a PLC failure at the 4th Street Lift Station. He and staff manually ran pumps. LW Allen flipped a switch in the PLC to program. It is working and has not failed since.

C. Raw Sewage Pump #2 – Problem Follow Up.

Ron reported that a rock cracked the impeller which is not a warranty issue. The cost will be approximately \$3,000-\$5,000.

D. FE (Final Effluent) Pump Mechanical Seal Failures.

There were leaves in the FE system; had never happened before. It was really windy in the month of October. The mechanical sleeves were repaired.

E. South St. Water Main Replacement Progress Report.

They did not have enough water to operate equipment; and since then it has been opened up. Landscaping will be completed in spring.

F. Standpipe Replacement Project – Progress Report

AE Com is working on the computer modeling of the water system.

Time and Date of next meeting is December 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Item #5 – Monthly Engineering & Planning Report.

A. Hwy 28/67 DOT Project Update.

Don reported that the December Public Informational Meeting has been moved to January 28, 2014. A time has not been set. Project set for 2018.

B. Parkview School Improvements Update.

Don reported that the Parkview School Site plan has been submitted and approved by the Planning Commission. He has not seen any building plans. This was for driveway, storm water and parking lot.

- C. Update on 201 S. Main Street; 251-1216-2341-001 (formerly Enderle Property). Don reminded that he had been previously contacted by the state in regards to hazardous substances being stored. This was based on gas in the tanks. The tanks were pumped out in 2010. Don and Mike will communicate with the state. This has nothing to do with the building. They have certified letter stating that they have been pumped. The DOT needs to make determination on the building and canopy for historical reasons. Don continued to wait until we hear back from the DOT. Don commented he will hear back in the next 2 to 3 months. Mike commented that he is looking at having pumps removed.
- D. State Hwy 28 Development Update. Sewer and water extension project has started and will continue with Fastenal and Assisted Living sites. Draft development agreements have went out to Fastenal and the Assisted Living. Fastenal will submit a driveway permit to the DOT. Don commented that the final restoration will be next year. Shopko is looking at an April 30 open date.

Item #6 – Monthly DPW Report.

- A. Leaf Collection Report
Mike Kurutz reported that they have been through the City four times for leaf collection. They started over today. He would like to sweep one more time and they use a set route. There will be a notice posted when done. Compost pile is also available.
- B. Snow Operations for Upcoming Season.
Plows and salters are installed and ready for snow. The city has 200 tons of salt in stock.

Item #7 – Discussion of Snow Removal/Snow Plowing of Bunker Alley with Possible Action.

Discussion ensued of Snow Plowing of Bunker Alley and the liability since the City does not own it. Ald. Boelk commented to have a liability waiver in place. Mike commented that we have not had an issue. A lot of people do not realize that they own part of the alley. Most of the damage is from the garbage trucks. Mike noted the City plows the alley with pick-up trucks. The Clerk noted she had sent an email to the insurance. There are about fifteen homes there and this is a unique situation. Don noted he would check on it. Mike noted we will continue to plow as normal.

Item #8 – Update on Sewer Lateral Conditions.

Discussion ensued of the Sewer Lateral Conditions. Ron commented that there is not a mandate from the DNR that the laterals have to be fixed. We want to do it because there will pound limits on suspended solids and phosphorus. To do this we can have better treatment at the treatment facility, trading with the farmers which means buying poundage, have the farmer improve the run-off, or from another treatment plan, or adaptive management which is working with other communities. Ron mentioned that Theresa has a milligram per liter discharge limit. We have a mass limit. Our plant capacity affluent will be .2 to .28 milligrams per liter. On days when it goes over, say to 3.3 million gallons we have to be at .055. We do not have the equipment right now to do that. He is looking at .22. We should do treatment at the plant and some trading. Ron commented on the influent infiltration. There are 32 miles of sanitary sewer and 45 miles of sanitary sewer laterals. We have been correcting the mains and laterals in the road right of ways. Discussion of clay tiles ensued for homes built prior to 1985. He noted that clay tiles leak. Ron noted that they are looking at ways to take care of this. Ron commented that this will be on the utility commission special meeting in December. It will have to go through the attorney as well.

Ald. Redeker commented it would be an ordinance change.

Ron commented it would require a public hearing and the cost. He noted that they looked at televising 100 homes per year. The cost to televise is \$100 - \$300 per house. The camera is about \$1,000. Ron commented on the liability.

Estimated cost of repairs is \$2,500 to \$5,000 per house. If we have to treat phosphorus and suspended solids it will be even more money.

The capacity of the treatment plant was discussed with the last rains.

Ald. Sertich questioned if Ron had checked into insurance on the laterals. Ron noted that it has been discussed but a decision was not made.

Ald. Sertich questioned the impact of Kekoskee and Leroy. He noted that we will get their poundage and it will have an impact.

Ald. Sertich questioned if the DNR was involved. It was noted that they are washing their hands of the problem.

Item #9 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Boelk to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk