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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021
7:20 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Cahoe, Barragree, Marcier, Rushbrook, Garfield, Miller, Yates,
Alderwoman Ulfers, Mayor Allhands

GUEST: Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 7:20 pm. There was no public comment. Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr reported on the following projects:

Sewer Lining: The structural engineering for the sheeting walls is being done and will be submitted to the railroad. Marvin has contacted Insituform regarding the delays and they will work with the City on the revised schedule.

IEPA Projects: The applications for the Elm St water main project and the Kay St. storm and sanitary sewer separation were submitted to IEPA. The design work is ongoing.

Ernest Grove Parkway: Robinson Engineering had done some preliminary engineering work on the storm sewer project in 2013. The estimated costs to extend a storm sewer from the north end of Ernest Grove Parkway to Kaper's pond would be \$500,000.00. It was stated to add 10% to the figures for the estimated price today.

Martin Ave: Marvin stated to extend Martin Ave east to S. 10th St it would cost about \$2,000,000. That cost includes engineering, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main and a storm water detention pond. The engineer's estimate of cost was done by Robinson Engineering in 2016 so those costs would need to be adjusted for inflation.

Equipment: The new backhoe is still on order. Public Works Department had some minor breakdowns on the snowplows but necessary repairs were made to keep them on the road. Dump truck #7 had to go in to get the oil pan replaced. If the department were going to keep dump truck #8 (international) it will need a new salt spreader before next winter. Public Works will need to purchase a new jobsite generator for the construction trailer. Marvin will be getting prices soon. He still has \$3,250 in the new equipment line item for streets and alleys.

Mowing Contract: Marvin has broken the mowing into 4 separate bid contracts. He will be seeking bidders immediately. The bids will be 1. Parks, 2. City Owned properties, 3. City owned lots (DNR & others), 4. Private property. There was discussion about how to get the bid packets out. Resident Bill Nutter was in attendance and he stated when he was mowing the contracts were usually a 3 year contract. There was discussion about the extra mowing equipment and what will be done with it. Marvin stated he thinks it should be kept for now to see how the contracted mowers work out. Alderman Cahoe stated City Hall will be taken care of by Public Works. It was stated to get bids out through the local paper, City website and social media.

Snow Removal: The City had a significant snow a few weeks ago. The resources were stretched a bit thin but it all worked out. The supply of road salt was down to 8 tons. Marvin placed the last order with Morton Salt on February 9th and it was delivered on February 25th. Marvin stated he has 100 tons of salt left to start next year with. He is going to order 500 ton

for next year.

Miscellaneous:

- a) Marvin gave the committee members a current list of projects
- b) The old Auxiliary building is ready for demolition
- c) Potholes will be addressed when asphalt is available. To do a temporary patch with cold patch the cost is about \$450/ton versus the permanent repair with hot-mix asphalt at \$60/ton. Marvin stated asphalt patching was done today. They put down 3.5 tons
- d) A-Plus will be meeting with Marvin on Wednesday to layout the boundaries of the impound yard fence
- e) Public Works has built a new tree dump building and the concrete piers were poured today.
- f) Public Works did a sewer repair at 335 W North St on Saturday February 27th.

Alderman Cahoe stated he thinks the committee should put some serious thought into working on the Ernest Grove Parkway in the next 18-24 months. He also stated the committee needs to be thinking about needing a new well and tower. Alderman Cahoe stated he would like for each alderman to work together with and come up with a list of projects they would like to get done in there prospective wards. Then these projects could be a part of the next budget for this year and the years to follow.

Alderman Cahoe sated the 2001 truck that needs a new salt spreader has less than 50,000 miles on it and he would like to see the department put some upgrades on it and keep it. Alderman Cahoe also stated there are 3 truck seats in various vehicles that need to be repaired.

A question was asked if all of the public works employees had their CDL and Marvin stated no 2 of them are in the process of getting it.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Dennis Cahoe, Chairman