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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 11, 2021
7:06 PM

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

ABSENT: Alderman Yates

GUEST: Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. There was no public comment. Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr reported on the following projects:

Kay St Sewer Separation: Robinson Engineering is working on the design phase of the project. They are still waiting on comments from IEPA for the project plan before submitting the actual design plans. The construction of this job could be done next year.

Sewer Lining: Still waiting on the final review comments from the railroad

Storm Sewer south of Kingdon's Apartments: There is a 15" storm sewer pipe that drains a large area including Herron Ct. neighborhood, Kingdon's Apartments and the west junction. There is an 8", a 10", and 18", and a 36" storm sewer system that all connect to the 15" pipe. Not only is this pipe too small to effectively remove storm water but is also has issues that have caused it to stop draining all together. Marvin has a proposal from IPC to install a 48" storm sewer in the same location as the 15" to alleviate all of the issues in those areas. IPC gave Marvin a budgetary estimate of \$220,000 for the project. The committee instructed Marvin to start the preliminary work on the project.

S 6th St Sanitary Sewer: Public Works encountered a collapsed sanitary sewer in front of 432 S 6th St. Public Works exposed the pipe and discovered the water main that was installed in 2006 had cut through the sanitary sewer and the repair to it was substandard. To properly repair it the water main had to be lowered. That was done today. Wednesday Public Works will make the final repair and begin the restoration process.

East end of E. Oak St: The owner of the property located at the east end of E Oak St is still looking for the City to take possession of that property. He states he has been paying taxes on it for 40 years and would like to be compensated for his loss. Marvin offered him \$500 knowing that is really is only worth \$200 for the 20x60 lot. The committee instructed Marvin to call the land owner back and tell him the City will pay \$500 for the parcel.

Equipment: The new backhoe is scheduled for delivery this month. The VacCon truck was back at EJ Equipment for repairs to the rear door on the suction tank. The department got the truck back this afternoon. Marvin stated that piece of equipment is used a lot.

Parks: Public Works installed new soffit, fascia, and upper siding on the concession stand at Peters Park. They still need to change the entry door. New separator panels and doors for the bathrooms have been ordered. The replacement parts to repair the vandalized equipment at Kay Park has been delivered.

Impound Lot: A Plus Home Improvements completed the installation of the new fence. Public

Works has prepped the impound yard and driveway to serve it. IPC will be using the millings from the Route 1 project for the driveway. Marvin stated the keys for the impound lot and the shooting range are all the same

Swimming Pool: The swimming pool has been filled and the chemical treatment of the water has begun. The chemicals were picked up from Spear Corporation and the lifeguard suits have been ordered. Ernesto Ortega and Kevin Ailey has both passed the CPO course and are licensed operators. The pool will open Memorial Day May 31st.

Kapers Pond: Marvin is still waiting on an answer regarding the intended use of Kapers Pond property so he can give the Kiwanis Club a definitive reply on the proposed gazebo. It was stated the property is zoned industrial.

327 W Park Ave Storm Sewer: With the recent rains the storm water has caused Public Works significant problems near the intersection of W. Park Ave and S. Yount St. Public Works needs to move forward with the installation of new storm sewer from Park Ave. south through the 327 W Park Ave property to Sugar Creek. Not only with this eliminate the constant flooding in that area it will also remove the large amount of storm water that drains directly into the sanitary sewer system. The committee asked Marvin to get in touch with Attorney Cainkar about getting permission to get on the property.

Miscellaneous:

- a) Marvin gave the committee an updated list of projects
- b) Marvin asked if the Police Department would be locking the parks at night. Chief Douglas stated yes, he will have his department start that immediately.
- c) Marvin stated the flowers in the downtown area have been planted, so they will start watering soon.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Dennis Cahoe, Chairman